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"These Housemen: he'll play for Sydney Hakoah against Heidelberg on Sunday"



Heidelberg first for Rene Houseman

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Rene Houseman of Argentina arrives in Australia this morning (Wednesday) and will make his debut for Sydney City Hakoah against Heidelberg-Alexander at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Houseman will be accompanied by his younger brother, Marcelo, a striker who may have to sit out the first game because coach Eddie Thompson now has an abundance of riches.

While the Housemans will add sparkle to the Philips League and inspire the as yet untapped Latin audience, they also make Sydney Hakoah firm favorite for the 1981 championship.

Hakoah demonstrated in beating Sydney Olympic 5-4 last Sunday how deadly they can be in front of goal. With the Housemans snooping around the penalty area along with John Kosmina, Murray Barnes and Ken Boden, Hakoah should boost its scoring rate even further.

Boden, however, is in doubt for Sunday's game against Heidelberg, which inflicted on Brisbane City its first home defeat last weekend.

Boden has achilles tendon damage and missed the goal spree against Olympic.

The arrival of the Houseman brothers is ominous for South Melbourne Hellas, which has dropped to second place after heading the ladder for most of the season.

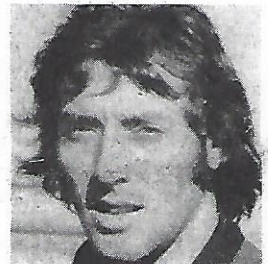
Hellas ended a lean period by beating Blacktown 2-1 last Sunday, but faces a difficult match against Newcastle at the International Sports Centre this week.

Life is tough at the top, as Hellas has discovered against defences steeled by the challenge of thwarting the leaders. Hellas now hopes that the same will happen to Hakoah.

It would be ironical indeed if Hakoah's threat to Hellas is eased on Sunday by Hellas's arch-rival, Heidelberg. Heidelberg's young full back John Mihailidis, who has taken over from injured Jim Tansey, probably will have a few sleepless nights as he prepares for the possibility of having to match his wits with those of Rene Houseman on Sunday.

Brian Glanville, in his "The History of the World Cup," pays tribute to Houseman's greatness as he recalls Argentina's 2-3 loss to Poland during the 1974 World Cup finals.

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Dennis Boland

Stability's the thing

What does the press and public want from the Victorian state team?

That's the question asked by State coach Len McKendry in answer to mounting criticism of his selection for the July 31 game against Brazilian outfit Cruzeiro. McKendry's squad has been criticised for not including Socceroo stopper Steve Blair, Footscray JUST keeper Dennis Boland, Hellas strikers Alan Evans and Steve Woodin and other top players.

"Rudi Gutendorf was criticised for the instability of his World Cup squad, now I'm being criticised for the stability of my squad," said McKendry.

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We're tops, says Billy

"Soccer Action's" magic, says the Big Yin, Billy Connolly, Scotland's major export apart from whisky and "Australian" soccer players.

He's biased, though.

Being No. 1 ticket-holder of Victorian club Albion Rovers (strangely Scottish??), he was drawn to our full-page Canon close-up picture of his favorite Melbourne team.

Connolly's one of a host of international stars on Albion's honorary membership list. They include Johnny Cash, Harry Secombe, Des O'Connor, Gerry Maradan and the Pacemakers, Stanley Holloway and other notables, all "signed up" by Albion's live-wire publicity man Tony Kennedy.

The picture was taken by DERMIE WASLIN.



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YOUNG 'ROOS TAKE TO LES

By LES SHORROCK who was on the New Caledonia tour

The Australian national youth team, playing for the first time under coach Les Scheinflug, took another step along the road to the world youth championship in October when it visited New Caledonia, to play the French colony's senior team.

The trip was done on the cheap and was accepted only because the New Caledonians paid the air fares and accommodation costs for the party of 22.

It originally had been planned that the youth team should take part in the prestigious Mexico Six-Nation Tournament, but this was scrapped by the A.S.F.'s 'Razor Gang' as the full enormity of the cost of the Gendarmat regime began to sink in, and the A.S.F. refused to budge even when the Mexican F.A. offered free accommodation, and Coca-Cola weighed in with an offer to meet half the cost of the air fares, a contribution of some \$12,000.

But the A.S.F. refused to spend another \$12,000 on Australia's soccer future, and A.S.F. Marketing was too busy in other areas to bother to try to find a sponsor, so it was New Caledonia or nothing, or should that read, for nothing.

Originally, it was planned to take 17 players and five officials but when championship director Brian Emery found he was too busy to go, it was decided to take 18 players.

The squad was; Glen Ahearn, Brett Woods, Gerry Gomez, Jim Patikas, and Grant Lee, all of Sydney City, Dennis Colusso and Ian Hunter of Marconi, Peter Raskopoulos and Mark Koussas, of Sydney Olympic,

David Skeen of St George, Rob Wheatley, Blackburn, Steve Blair, South Melbourne, John Little, Preston, Paul Kay, Wollongong, David Mitchell, Adelaide City, Ian McKie, West Adelaide, Brett Beeves, Swansea-Beimont, and Oscar Crino, Institute of Sport, Canberra.

The party was led by A.S.F. Treasurer Tom Grimson and the other officials were Les Scheinflug, Doctor Keith Pearson of Brisbane and Leichardt masseur Spencer Thorpe.

All the games were played at Noumea's Magenta Stadium, which is very modern, with two big stands, one covered and the other open, which can accommodate about 30,000 and has a pitch as rough as a ploughed field.

Compared with the squad that toured Israel at Christmas this team looked infinitely more composed and showed much more striking potential. This was due in some measure of course to the return of Ian Hunter, who missed Israel after breaking his leg in Fiji.

His running and leadership abilities were sorely missed in Israel. Dennis Ivanac, Calvin Daunt, Vlatko Belic, David Watt and Tony Radford, who toured Israel, were left out of this squad and in their place we sent Beeves, Colusso and Koussas.

But the biggest difference between the two tours was in the coaching.

Les Scheinflug quickly developed a rapport with this squad, most of whom he was meeting for the first time, and



The young Soccerroos in Noumea, from left: Brett Woods, Dave Skeen, Rob Wheatley, Jim Patikas, John Little, Paul Kay, Glen Ahearn, Dave Mitchell, Steve Blair, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

the boys responded to him and his ideas enthusiastically.

After the last game he summed up the tour to be by saying, 'I was very impressed by my players' work rate and aggression under difficulties. Their finishing disappointed me a little, but against that it must be said that the extremely rough ground that we played on didn't lend itself to accurate passing or close ball control and on occasions I feel Hunter, Koussas, Mitchell and Little were thwarted by a bad bounce when they were in scoring positions.'

'This squad has a lot of potential, and it shows how we are building for the future when you consider that Jim Patikas will still be eligible for the next World Youth Championship in 1983.'

1st Game, Thursday June 25, 8.00 p.m.
Australia 2 (Little 6th & 51st) New Caledonia 1 (Coulon 67th)

AUSTRALIA: Ahearn 7, Wheatley 6, Skeen 7, Blair 8, Woods 8, Kay 5, Raskopoulos 6, Little 8, Patikas 7, Mitchell 8, Hunter (captain) 6.

New Caledonia: Taveugeux 4 (Homous 6 25th), Dialke 7, Kenon 7, Demene 6 (Wacapa 6 75th), Druin 7, Koinndred 6 (capt), Wama 8, Wabalo 8, Kenon 8 5 (Bourne 6 H.T.), Gowe 6, Coulon 6.

Referee: M. Reginald Sorinto 2. Crowd about 2000.

The Australians, having trained on the main Stadium in the morning, when they practiced set-pieces and defensive patterns, had learned how hard and bumpy the ground was, but what they were not prepared for was the slickness of the ball after the day-long drizzle.

Ball control was extremely difficult, and accurate passing nearly impossible.

Nevertheless they adapted themselves well, and after a tentative start, soon got on top.

They were given a wonderful start to, by John Little who snapped up a loose ball some 25 yards in front of goal and unleashed a left-foot 'rocket' that poor Taveugeux never saw, after only six minutes.

It was all uphill for the locals after that, with David Mitchell giving the defenders a torrid time.

The New Caledonians played a rigid-man-to-man defence, with a lot of body-checking, the occasional kick and the odd punch and were aided considerably by some of the most blatantly one-sided refereeing it was possible to imagine.

Most Australian attacks were halted by the off-side flag, irrespective of where the player was when the ball was last played, the New Caledonians were awarded

free-kicks in the ratio of about five to Australia's one, and when the Aussies did get a free, the locals either kicked the ball away or refused to retreat ten yards, all without rebuke.

Mitchell did succeed in getting the ball in the net, but the goal was disallowed for handball or offside or both.

The goalkeeper, who was extremely jittery, seemed unable to cope with the threat of Mitchell, and being very tall, tended to kick the ball instead of going down to save, with the inevitable result that he tangled once too often with the tall striker, and went off with a twisted knee. Homou, who replaced him, was more capable.

After one fiery set-to between Blair and Matthieu Kenon, Blair ended up being booked while being revived by trainer Spencer Thorpe, and Thorpe was involved in another melee when he went on to assist Raskopoulos, who was lying groggy in the centre of the ground. Two local players went to drag Raskopoulos off the ground and Thorpe resisted them, whereupon the referee joined in too!

At half-time Scheinflug lectured his players long and hard about the dangers of being drawn into a brawl, and urged them to go on playing football and the result would come.

New Caledonia, in a rare attack, hit the post, but Australia got back on top again and in the sixth minute, Mitchell strode past his marker, only to be ruthlessly felled two yards inside the box.

To the Aussies' amazement, the vernal Sorinto, without turning a hair, awarded them a free-kick at least 10 yards from where the offence was committed, but justice was done when Little hammered another left-foot special past Homou to put them two goals up.

Although New Caledonia scored a good goal when flying winger Valentín Coulon for once got the better of Woods and played a good one-two with Alfred Wabalo before shooting well past Ahearn, the Aussies kept their poise and ran out good winners.

In fact in the dying seconds Jim Patikas picked up a ball deep in his own half and carried it 40 yards before putting Mitchell away by a crash tackle by goalkeeper Homou.

The Australians learnt a few lessons from this game, if only what it is like to play in a strange environment against unscrupulous opponents and under extremely lax refereeing.

They also found that it paid to be first to the ball, because



Coach Les Scheinflug with some of his charges, from left: Brett Woods, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Patikas and John Little.

the extremely nippy New Caledonians were very fast on the break, and almost impossible to catch if they got away. Also, for all that they were without any scruples when it came to stopping an opponent.

Several of them were also very good players, particularly winger Joseph Wamal and Alfred Wabalo, all of whom had been recalled from Tahiti for the series, which was being used by the New Caledonians as a warm-up for the big Basille Day Tournament on Honarria, on July 14.

There was an unfortunate aftermath, however as far as the Aussies were concerned. The effect of the match-long rain on the lime-pitch-markings gave David Mitchell, Steve Blair and Glen Ahearn burns to the legs and thighs, which were quite severe in the case of Mitchell.

He and Blair hobbled around during Friday and Saturday, but by Sunday morning Blair had recovered sufficiently to play, but Mitchell was ruled out.

To add to Scheinflug's problems, Ahearn suffered a knee injury on Saturday morning that also ruled him out and then Ian McKie stepped into a hole on that now-notorious pitch and twisted his ankle so badly that he was put out of action for the rest of the trip.

Scheinflug had made it plain to his players that they would all get a game, and as far as possible, would play 90 minutes, but now he had to play Brett Beeves of Swansea Beimont in goal and Mark Koussas in Mitchell's place as well as replacing Kay, Patikas and Skeen with Colusso, Lee and Crino respectively.

The Australian camp had protested about the referee after the first game and there was a visible air of relief when it was learned that a very respected French FIFA referee would be in charge of the next game.

Although the Aussies were unable to translate their superiority into goals, they obviously enjoyed their game, under the stern, but fair rule of Wurtz, who kept the rough play to a minimum.

Then in the first minute of the second half, Argentine-born Crino, known to his teammates as Ardiles (for obvious reasons), finding life a little too dull as sweeper, converted himself into a libero, and cheekily sallied forth to take on the entire New Caledonian defence.

As he advanced, the defenders backed off, anticipating a pass, which suited Crino perfectly, for, from about 25 yards, he suddenly let fly and the ball, deflecting past Gurnere off a defender, squared away into the top corner to put Australia one up.

However the euphoria had scarcely abated when New Caledonia caught the Aussie defence ball-watching down the left, where Wheatley was stranded, Crino was nowhere in sight, and Coulon was allowed to cut in and let fly a shot that Beeves parried, but the ball went to second-half sub Aquatili Gowe who made no mistake.

So the Aussies had it all to do again, and to their immense credit, they buckled down to the task and gradually got the upper hand.

After winning a series of throw-ins on the right flank, Wheatley forced a corner and Dennis Colusso ghosted in at the near post to head home as the defenders were lured away by Blair's decoy run.

But the defence stumbled again to throw victory away in the 80th minute. Blair made a bad pass, the ball was swept over Raskopoulos' head and behind Woods, who for once was caught out of position, and Gowe ran on and hammered the ball between Beeves and his near post, and Beeves was not without some blame either.

The Australians dominated from the start once again, but were constantly frustrated by New Caledonia's rugged defenders who were back to their body-checking best, constantly aided and abetted by Kéline's weak refereeing.

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John Little indicates he has scored two goals.

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2nd game, Sunday June 28, 8.00 p.m.

AUSTRALIA 2 (Crino 46th, Colusso 73rd) **NEW CALEDONIA 2** (Gowe 48th & 80th)

AUSTRALIA: Beeves 6, Wheatley 6, Crino 7, Blair 6, Woods 8, Raskopoulos 6, Colusso 6, Koussas 6, Little 7, Lee 6, Hunter 6.

NEW CALEDONIA: Gurnere 5, Dialke 7, Seifen 7, Demene 6, Kenon 7, Koinndred (capt), Wama 8, Wabalo 8, Kenon 8 (H.T.), Gowe 4 (Pama H.T.), Referee: Simon Racine, crowd about 3000.

Scheinflug confessed after the game that he had the jitters at the prospect of the untied Beeves playing his first international behind the brilliant but unpredictable Oscar Crino, who has been known to cause coaches the odd palpitation or two in the sweeper role.

But the Australians dominated the first half to such an extent that Beeves was untroubled and found his duties

3rd game, Tuesday June 31, 8.00 p.m.

AUSTRALIA 1 (Colusso) **NEW CALEDONIA 0**

AUSTRALIA: Ahearn 7, Wheatley 7, Crino 7, Blair 6, Woods 8, Raskopoulos 6 (capt), Patikas 6, Gomez 3, (Colusso H.T. 6), Little 8, Mitchell 7, Hunter 6.

NEW CALEDONIA: Taveugeux 5, Dialke 7, Seifen 7, Demene 6, Kenon 7, Koinndred (capt), Wama 8, Wabalo 8, Gowe 5 (Wakapa H.T.), Kenon 8 (H.T.), Referee: Simon Racine, crowd about 3000.

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'I DON'T THINK ANYONE'S BETTER THAN ME TACTICALLY'

Attack, score and excite

If there were 11 Greeks as good as some of the Greek lads in Sydney Olympic's side new Olympic supremo Doug Collins would have an all-Greek outfit.

That was his answer to our question about any problems or pressures he may have encountered from the top of the Olympic tree to play Greek boys.

"I answer only to club president John Constantine," said Collins.

"I remember Tommy Docherty saying that he'd play 11 Chinamen if they could do the job. My sentiments exactly. The Greeks in Olympic's line-up are excellent players. It's as simple as that."

Collins came here at the Doc's request in February this year. He stayed with Docherty and helped the former Olympic manager-coach. He liked what he saw. Now the Doc has returned to the hustle and bustle of the English soccer scene and Collins is with Olympic for the next two months. Then the club and Collins will discuss the future.

When Olympic reviews its coaching situation the well-credentialed Collins is a prime candidate for a more permanent post.

He has had 20 years as a professional player in all four divisions of England's Football League.

Eight of his 10 years with Burnley were spent in First Division. He points to Burnley's Second Division championship win in 1973, the club's semi-final berth in the 1974 F.A. Cup and his Player of the Year award at Burnley in 1975 as the three highlights of his extensive playing career.

His playing days finished in America in the NASL with Tulsa Roughnecks.

Collins met Jimmy Redfern at Tulsa. Now 27, Redfern, a right winger, is one of the men Collins hopes to sign.

"Redfern played with Bolton Wanderers in the English First Division and he's quick and tricky. Just the sort of exciting player I'm looking for," said Collins.

And it's excitement that Collins hopes to bring to the thousands of Greek fans on the terraces.

"I've taken over a side with an attacking flair instilled by Tommy Docherty. That's just the way I like to play the game."

"Soccer in England is on the decline. Too many coaches are scared of losing their jobs. Consequently sides go out looking for a point and are happy if they get one. But people want to see goals. That's the name of the game."

"I've heard a lot about Olympic missing chances. I'll have to see about that myself. If it's the case that we're

creating but not sticking the ball in the back of the net then that will be remedied.

"I'm a thinker, I don't think anyone's better than me tactically."

"I've got charge of the most exciting side in Australia and that's the way it will stay."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

THE REFEREE RARELY WINS

Victorian referee David Yolland has not forgotten the bashing he received in Melbourne two years ago.

That is the opinion of FIFA referee, Peter Rampley.

He made this statement in answer to a question of mine about whether referees had form slumps just as players do.

Rampley says yes, they do.

He says a row with your wife or problems at work can affect your form on the day of a game.

However, a bashing like Yolland received after a game in Melbourne a couple of seasons ago could have a more lasting effect.

Rampley says he too was bashed several years ago in a game between Western Suburbs and Pan Hellenic in Sydney.

It was a natural tendency for a while after that to want to avoid controversial decisions or make unpopular rulings.

This was an interesting insight into the psyche of



Mike Johnson

The fiery nature of some Latin and European players and their supporters plus the gamesmanship among players seeking fouls are also pressures which do not help a referee who wants to keep a game going.

Nevertheless impact a referee's attitude can have to a game was highlighted recently in a game involving my club, Wollongong United, and Reserves NSW State League Division 1.

The referee, Arthur Owen, a man in his early 30's, allowed the game to flow and contributed immensely to the game which was very enjoyable to players and spectators alike.

I went on the field as the teams were leaving at full time to express my own congratulations.

If he ran the line in an early game he would receive another \$40.

In NSW State League the pay is \$50 to run the first grade game, with another \$18 if you run a line earlier.

He usually will take a minimum six years to make it through the ranks into Federation and he will be 30 or more before he makes it to the Phillips League.

There are no Phillips League referees under 30.

Two of the best, Rampley and Tony Boskovic, are in their late 40's and will have to retire in a couple of years.

No referee can continue beyond 50.

Coaches, players and referees — in that order of priority, determine the entertainment value of a game of soccer.

I believe a referee can put the shackles on players just as effectively as any cautious, fearful coach.

While players and coaches need to be reminded that professional soccer is an entertainment industry, so do referees.

Nothing stultifies a game more than an over-zealous referee with a whistle that never stops shrilling.

Nothing dampens the fire of a top game, or defuses the atmosphere building up in a soccer stadium than a referee without the confidence to let a game flow.

The following are some habits I would like to see referees adopt to encourage the full flow of a game:

- Fouls involving bodies pushing and bumping in mid-field, without any danger to any parties should be overlooked as much as possible so as to allow the game to flow.

- Referees need to develop a wider range of vision so that they can refrain from blowing.

say for offside, when the ball is obviously going into the hands of an unencumbered goalkeeper.

- Referees should develop skillful use of the advantage law.

- This law was given to referees precisely to help them keep the game flowing.

- Stop over-diligence when ordering players to take free kicks in mid-field at the exact spot of the offence. This drastically holds up the game and usually robs the recipient of any advantage.

The main attraction of soccer over other games such as Rugby League, baseball or gridiron is the momentum which can be built up.

Skillful players, aided by a skillful referee, can keep the game flowing with a non-stop for 10-20 minutes on end as we saw in the FA Cup final between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City where we

Unpredictable and dynamic, that's Charlie

Charlie Villani of Adelaide City is fast being recognised as one of the leading footballers in Australia, even though he's only 18.

He is a little dynamo, he is so well composed for a player of his youth, his technique is faultless, his reading of the game is excellent and he's a spot-on finisher.

He's also the most unpredictable player in the country. No-one can sum him up. No-one can anticipate what he will do, because he's so brilliant.

I first saw him when he was 16, playing for Adelaide City's second team against Azurri in the South Australian Ampol Cup.

In the dressing room afterwards, I said to him: "You will be an international in a maximum of two years if you work hard and listen to advice."

But Villani's progress was interrupted by a cartilage operation which kept him out of action for most of last year.

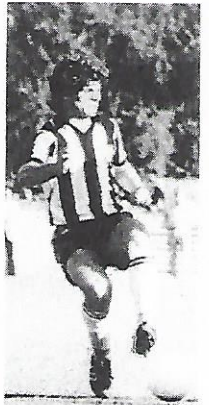
Had it not been for that setback, I reckon he would be an "A" international player today.

He will start his international career during the Coca-Cola world youth championships in October. Although coach Les Scheinflug did not take him to New Caledonia, I'm sure he will have Villani in the team for the youth finals.

Villani is one of four young stars at Adelaide City. The others are Sergio Melt, David Mitchell and Chris Manou.

The club must be congratulated on producing players of such quality.

Congratulations also to the two Brisbane clubs and to Wol-



Charlie Villani

longing for their continuing good form in the PSL.

All three play a rugged, tough, direct style of football which, regardless of what some critics say, make them capable of defeating any team in the league.

Meanwhile, as I predicted at the start of the season, Marconi and Heidelberg are feeling the effects of the demanding international commitments of their players.

Heidelberg and Marconi were top teams last year. This year they're only a shadow of what they were.

Egan the target for talent scouts

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Charlie Egan headed the Victorian State League goalscorers' list from the day he played his first match for Frankston City in the first round of the season.

Now he is the target of talent scouts galore.

Essendon Croatia and Preston Make-donia made unsuccessful bids to sign him and a representative of a Sydney PSL club is said to have flown to Melbourne to watch him play four weeks ago.

"I'd like to give the big league a go to see if it's as good as people say it is," he says.

"But I undervalued myself when I signed with Frankston. I won't make that mistake again."

What makes Egan such a deadly goalscorer? According to his former Frankston teammate Danny McCuskey, now with Make-donia, Egan is too sharp and too fast for most defenders to handle. He's quick on the turn and dynamite around the box, McCuskey says.

When Charlie Egan was unemployed in his native Scotland he would sleep until about noon, get up and head for the local pub. The poolroom and the betting shop were next on the visiting list.

But Egan doesn't drink or smoke. He just was "killing time".

So it wasn't hard for him to make up his mind to come to Australia when given the chance.

"I'd hear guys in the pub saying that they could have gone to Australia about 10 years ago," said Egan.

"I said to myself that I could be saying the same thing in 10 years time."

"I had no real prospects job wise so when John Pryde approached me through Pat McCuskey I decided to come over."

The part-time nature of Australian soccer isn't new to the 21 year Scot.

He's played with Dumbarton and Berwick Rangers as a part-timer.

Egan came within inches of really making it "back home."

Scottish soccer is structured on a three-tier basis starting with juvenile level, moving up to junior and peaking at league level.

While with Kilsyth St Pat's, Egan was selected for the Stirlingshire regional team to contest a European tournament in Holland.

The Stirlingshire lads won through to



Charlie Egan

England 3-0. Egan scored the last goal in that triumph.

His return to his homeland was crowned by his selection in the Scottish juvenile side which lost 2-1 to the Scottish school-boys. Glasgow Rangers' young star John McDonald played for the schoolboys.

Egan signed for Campsie Black Watch, one of the finest juvenile sides in Scotland. League and cup success followed but with little left to be achieved with Campsie he joined Rob Roy Juniors.

After playing most of the season he was approached to spend a week with leading English club Aston Villa.

"I trained under the various Villa coaches at a complex in the countryside. It was a magnificent complex with a gymnasium, saunas, restaurant, five-a-side pitches and six playing fields," he says.

"I was due to play for Villa reserves against Bristol Rovers but the pitch was waterlogged so I returned after my week without playing a trial game."

"Glasgow Celtic and Berwick Rangers approached me."

"Celtic had approached me before, when I was with Kilsyth St Pat's. I was asked to go to Celtic Park for a month so I gave up my job to concentrate on my game."

"It was near the end of the Scottish season and there were two games left against Hibs and St Mirren, one game on a Saturday, the other the following Wednesday."

"But St Pat's had a Cup game on the Saturday and I was bound to play for them. That Cup match was drawn and the replay was on the Wednesday so I missed out on playing for the Celtic reserves."

"Sean Fallon was the boss at Celtic then. He'd taken over from Jock Stein who had been badly injured in a car crash."

"Fallon was sacked and Billy McNeill

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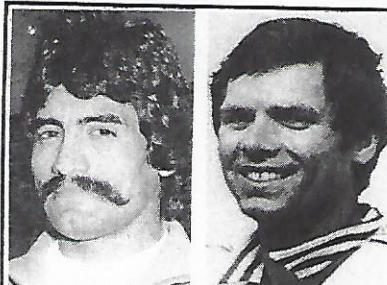
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Raul Carrizzo

Doug Utjesenovic

Utjesenovic sticks to his ideals

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Doug Utjesenovic brought to his first coaching job with Avala certain standards and ideals which had served him well during those glorious years with St. George, J.U.S.T. and the Socceroos.

He believes quite simply that to play, you must train, and train hard. He believes that a player must have self-discipline and must have the character to accept discipline. He believes coaching should be left with the coach, not with the committee.

It was because the committee told him he had to put Raul Carrizzo and Branko Karanfilovski into the team, that Utjesenovic quit Avala last week.

He had been with the club for only eight weeks. During that time it lost six matches in the NSW State League, drew one and won only one, but Utjesenovic remains adamant that improvement was being shown; he was starting to get the results for which he had been working.

It all ended last week and there was talk that Kaz Kulak the man Utjesenovic had replaced as coach, was to return to Avala.

But Utjesenovic wants to stay in coaching. He enjoys it and if the right job became available, he would like it.

Meanwhile, he plays when he has time with Liverpool City in the sixth division. His former St. George and Socceroo team mate Attila Abonyi, coach of Riverwood, plays there too sometimes.

"It may be only a little club, but the attitude at Liverpool City is 10 times more professional than at Avala," he says angrily as he recalls the sequence of events that led to Avala and Utjesenovic parting company.

On the night I took over eight weeks ago, we went for a 20 minute run and then I was going to play the senior side against the others," he says.

"I said to Carrizzo he should play left wing for the senior side but he said no, he was a left midfielder. I said OK, but please, would you play left wing in this practice game. He said again he was a left midfielder, so I let him play left midfielder in the second-string team."

"He went home. I suggested to the committee he should be fined, but half the committee wanted Carrizzo to come back. I said I would take him back, but he would have to come to me and talk about it. He did come to a few trainings, but he never talked to me about that first night."

"With Karanfilovski, it was a case of missing training all the time. He wasn't fit."

"One night, when we had no lights because of power restrictions, we did 45 minutes of training and he could not handle it. He started to vomit."

"There was always talk behind my back about the two players. Many committeemen wanted them back in the team."

"I said that if Carrizzo and Karanfilovski could win the game for us, they would be in, sure. It would help everyone. But they had to prove first that they were fit. I wanted to see them in the second grade first, but the president said they should go straight into the first grade."

"That's when I quit." Avala has some talented players like Warren Turnbull, Gary Feinlough and captain Peter Ahrens, but according to Utjesenovic, the team was unfit when he joined, even after the Ampol Cup campaign and the first 11 league games.

He added the attitude of some of the players also was wrong. "Some were smoking in the rooms, even before training," he said.

Most of the players quickly got behind Utjesenovic and appreciated his conscientious approach to his job.

"I put a lot of work and a lot of study in coaching," he says. "I had a lot of help from Rale Rasic and Ottilie Abonyi and I feel I can handle this work. My mind is 100% clear about what happened at Avala and I look forward to carrying on the coaching at another club."

Utjesenovic ended his illustrious career as a top-level player at the end of last season.

"I had had a horror of a year," he says. "I had a milk run on which I worked six nights a week, which made me no good for soccer, so I told St. George that it was the end for me."

He had devoted 10 years to the club. Before that he had two seasons with Footscray J.U.S.T., the club which brought him out from Yugoslavia where he played for OFK Belgrade.

He represented Victoria and NSW and played 61 games for Australia, 34 of them full internationals.

His brother-in-law and former St. George and Socceroo team mate George Harris preceded Utjesenovic into the NSW State League — as a player, rather than a coach. Harris joined Abonyi's Riverwood and was playing extremely well until he broke an ankle 10 weeks ago.

Dave Fordham — he fought paralysis on way to the top

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

Not even three months of paralysis could quell the enthusiasm of David Fordham, Channel O's World of Soccer compere and NBN 3's man for all sporting seasons.

Fordham was struck by the Guilliambarre syndrome in 1978.

It is caused by a mystery virus which affects the central nervous system. Fordham played golf on Wednesday. By Friday he was totally paralysed.

"The whole thing lasted three months," said Fordham. "When your whole future is in doubt and you recover you come out of it with a really good outlook on life."

That period in Fordham's life was particularly cruel to an active and successful sportsman. Fordham was a Rugby League fanatic in his young days, representing the NSW country area before a severe shoulder injury ended his career. He also opened the batting for Newcastle City's first grade cricket side. He still does.

Fordham is a Newcastle lad. He attended the local Marist Brothers' College.

The change in the sporting priority of the Marist Brothers' College is indicative of the upsurge in soccer in the Newcastle area. In no small way people like Fordham played their part.

He admits to being totally converted to soccer. He became the chairman of KB United's promotion committee. KB had gained entry into the PSL in 1978 and the promotions committee had to win over a Rugby conscious city.

The committee comprised representatives of the local Press, radio and television station NBN 3. Fordham was and is the club's directors also were on the committee.

"We had to market KB to the people. And we had to market the PSL too," said Fordham.

"Our efforts were rewarded with a crowd of more than 15,000 for KB's first home game against Marconi."

Australian soccer needs the promotion of identities and that's what we achieved. Graham Heys or Roy Drinkwater can walk down the street and be recognised. KB had been put on the soccer map.

"The ASF hasn't aimed at the average sporting freak in Australia. Sure, the message has got across to soccer people but people divorced from the game don't know anything about it."

"The big problem is that we haven't established an identity and the Australian soccer team isn't important to the Australian public."

"I bet at least seven out of 10 Australians don't know what the coming World Youth Cup finals are all about."

"ASF marketing hasn't done the job yet. Other than nicknames and logos it's done bigger all."

"We've got to make the Ian Hunters of this country national identities."

"In Newcastle we marketed 11 players who now can be readily recognised and are constantly in demand for promotions and sportsmen's nights."

"I see Newcastle as a test market for the rest of Australia."

"In four years we overhauled the general sporting public. Okay, so not everyone goes to KB's games but everyone knows what KB's result was on the weekend."

But few know that a law student of five years standing decided to give up his academic life to pursue a career as a broadcaster. "I wanted to get involved in TV. I had to keep knocking on quite a few doors before one opened. That was in 1973 with ABC radio. I said that I had no experience but I thought that I could handle the job. Three weeks later a guy became sick and I did a rugby call over the radio."

"In July, 1977, NBN 3 approached me and I jumped at the chance because I love all sports. I do broadcasts on basketball, Rugby League and Rugby Union, cricket, golf and other sports. It's all part of my day to day involvement with sport. I've said that I cover more sports than any compere in Australia. I've got a three hour live sports show in Newcastle to host."

"I did the commentary for three soccer matches in Adelaide last year for Channel 9 there. I covered Australia, and Northern Ireland, South Australia versus Czechoslovakia and AC Milan against South Australia."

"I went to Singapore late last year with KB. We beamed a live telecast of KB's game against Singapore back to Newcastle. That was the first time a regional station in this country had put on an exclusive live satellite telecast."

"When I returned from Singapore I was approached by Channel 0 to cover the last game of Australia's world tour in 1980. It was against Indonesia in Djakarta."

"Then Peter Skelton, whose production company produces 'World of Soccer,' approached me. I think he was looking for an Australian host."

"As a compere you have to do your homework. I take pride in what I do and I don't go into the show unprepared."

"Actually I rarely see the show because NBN 3 doesn't take it in Newcastle. Sometimes though I watch a tape."

"But I've been fortunate to meet some fine people through my involvement with soccer."

"Tommy Docherty stands out. I worked with him at Channel 0 for 12 weeks and I learned so much from him. He made my trip down from Newcastle to tape the show really worthwhile. I was very sorry to see him go."

"And I've known two of the greatest guys in the game, both guest players with KB. Both English internationals. Guys who really made it big but were completely unaffected — Bobby Charlton and Mike Channon."

"I thought Charlton was a marvellously natural person. He loved working with kids. A real gentleman."

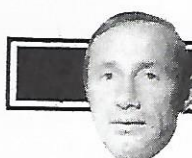
"And Channon was absolutely magnificent both on and off the field. He wanted to contribute."

"A lot of guest players come here and are happy as long as their pockets are well lined. But not these two guys."

Fordham's smiling face and pleasant manner combined with an informed, confident presentation sweep through the media coverage of Australian soccer like a welcome breath of fresh air. The compress of the past and most of the present pale into insignificance whenever Fordham is at work.

I have no hesitation in naming him the most professional Australian soccer host I've seen.

Most national networks pay lip service to Australian soccer with five minute segments covering the local events. Other sports of have their images enhanced by the incompetence of the stuttering stammering soccer hosts.



TOM ANDERSON

Officials should go back to school

have to be an eternal optimist, hoping one day that commonsense will prevail and the game will fulfill its true potential.

I mean to say, just what has it going to be done about getting this game of ours back on the rails after all the recent troubles?

I'm not joking when I say that at the present time many of our top administrators are trying to make believe that everything in the garden is rosy — when the game's falling apart at the seams.

Instead of getting down to the business of curing the many ills of the code, the people in high places seem to have run for cover or are passing the buck.

Like the Irishman pushing the wheelbarrow — there's no better wheelbarrow pushers in the world than the Irish! — our administrators have the job in front of them.

Now is the time for those with courage and character to face up to the responsibilities they have as administrators. If they can't do this then they should move over and make room for people who can.

And again I state, that this malady is prevalent at club, state and national level.

The mortality rate of coaches in Australian soccer is sky high and always has been since I can remember.

Probably the main reason for this is not the coach's ability or lack of it, but adminis-

trators treating coaches only as whipping boys.

When a team is winning the administrator really think that it is by their doing, yet when a team loses it's always the poor coach's fault.

Also this terrible, terrible habit of club, state and national administrators going to players and asking their advice on coaches, is something that has got to be stamped out immediately.

If it isn't, then a coach in Australia — no matter who he is, has a real chance to succeed.

The player-committee combine will always get him in the end!

All this, plus the jealousy in the game, and believe me it's riddled with it, makes it a very sad code indeed, at the present time.

There are too many people who think they are big fishes in a little pool and are afraid if the pool gets bigger they will become little fishes.

If the situation wasn't so bad, it would be laughable.

As well, there's always next year... and next year... and next year... and next year!!

FOOTNOTE: Did you hear about the Irish soccer administrator who had a feed of candles? — He wanted a light refreshment!!

An announcement at an Australian soccer match (name of the club withheld to save embarrassment!) — "For the benefit of the players, here are the names of the spectators!"

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Wallace, Raithrose in '75

By PAUL MOON

During his 11 years in Scottish League soccer, Ajax's recent signing Gordon Wallace gained respect as an honest and reliable performer — one of the unsung majority who form the backbone of the professional game.

Wallace signed for Raith Rovers from junior club Penanik Athletic of the East Scotland League in 1970. During eight seasons with the Kircaldy club he was leading goalscorer four times. The highlight of his career with Rovers was the 1975-76 season which ended with Raith gaining promotion to the First Division. Dundee United, though, offered the opportunity of Premier Division football, and it was there that Wallace moved in October 1977.

Unfortunately he was unable to establish himself in a powerful United side, making only 14 appearances for the "Terrors", six of them as substitute.

However he did have the honor of playing against the big three of Caledonian soccer — Rangers, Celtic and Aberdeen.

In December 1979 Berwick Rangers enticed him back to the First Division. He was unable to settle at Berwick and had a short period at Cowdenbeath before deciding his future lay in Australia. Wallace scored 78 goals in 253 Scottish League games. With Gus McLeod and Wallace in its line-up, Ajax has potentially the most explosive striking partnership outside the PSL.

Unlike his compatriot Tommy Docherty, Wallace is unlikely to complain about the size of Australian attendances, for Wallace's last Scottish club Cowdenbeath rarely attracted more than



Gordon Wallace

Houseman toast of 1974 World Cup

From page one

"In the second half Argentina took off Brindisi, ill at ease as a striker, and introduced a player who at once transformed them and who was to become one of the toasts of the tournament. Rene Houseman, a tiny winger, brave, serpentine and fast: socks worn scornfully round his ankles. Heredia scored after 55 minutes but when Carnevali's careless throw went straight to Lato, who tore through to score, that was clearly that, though Babington did score after hitting the post of an open goal."

Glavine continues: "Next on the same ground, Argentina and Italy: a match that was a nightmare and a humiliation for the Italians in everything but the score. Quite what possessed Valcareggi, the Italian manager, to assume that Houseman, of all people, was going to play in midfield, and to set his own creative inside-forward Fabio Capello, to mark him, have known."

"At all events Capello turned by this error into a full-back, was run ragged by Houseman, who scored a lovely goal from a pass

by Babington, who bestrode the field, calmly impeccable. Too late Valcareggi understood what was happening, pushed Capello upfield and set the ruthless Benetti to mark Houseman, who ran him ragged as well, unintimidated by his brutal tackling. Alas for Argentina, moral victors on the day, Italy equalised when Perfumo turned Benetti's cross past his own goalkeeper, but it had been inspiring to see Argentina, in both matches, throw off the over-compensatory chains of defensive football and play as they can and should."

In the 1974 World Cup finals, won by Argentina, Houseman played against France (2-1), Hungary (2-1), Italy (0-1) as a substitute, Poland (2-0), Peru (6-0) as a sub, and in the final against Holland (3-1) as a sub.

The Houseman brothers have joined Hakoah initially until the end of the season but have agreed to sign contracts for two years.

Rene, 28, played for River Plate and Huracan. Marcelo, 20, played for FAS.

Syd. C. Hakoah 5 Syd. Olympic 4

Scorers: City: Barnes 31st, 39th & 55th, Cant 14th, Soumess 21st. Olympic: Koussas 36th & 90th, Raskopoulos 66th, Jennings 71st.

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field. **Conditions:** — good. **Referee:** Tim Davies.

Attendance: 682. **SYDNEY CITY:** Clarke 7, Mullen 6, Spanos 6, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7, Watson 7 (sub Robertson 75th). **Barnes 8, Cant 8, Soumess 9, Kasmira 7, Patikas 7.** **SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Major 7, Moulis 6, Wilson 6, Rowden 7, Palmer 6, Kotholos 6, Raskopoulos 7, Leung 7, Scott 6, Koussas 8, Jennings 8.

Goals are what football is all about so the paying customers had nothing to complain about in this thrilling affair. There were nine goals in a game

packed with action, excitement, thrills and spills. This was soccer entertainment at its best and the kind of stuff that will have the fans queuing up for more.

Certainly it was not the soccer purists' dream, but who the hell cares?

A thrilling 5-4 result is much better than a 1-0 result or a scoreless draw any day of the week. In this memorable clash both teams threw caution to the wind and threw everything into attack.

This meant that at times they left themselves exposed at the back. But the attitude of positive attacking football was as if a breath of fresh air had blown into the Sydney Athletic Field, especially after the dreary midweek game when the Slickers downed Wollongong 1-0.

The Slickers realised that Olympic is a team fully committed to attacking football and they threw down the gauntlet from the opening whistle.

Slickers coach Eddie Thomson pulled off a last one when he continually switched Murray Barnes and Jim Patikas from the left middle position to the left striking position.

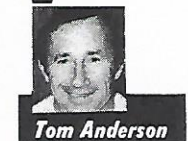
The continual interchanging of this pair had Olympic defender Danny Moulis in a quandary.

The result was that Barnes notched a hat-trick and Patikas also had a good game.

The Slickers were three up after 31 minutes through goals by Cant, Soumess and Barnes.

Olympic pulled one back when Koussas netted but Barnes stepped in twice again, to give his side what looked to be a devastating 5-1 lead.

But in their how typical marauding fashion the young Olympic team fought back and goals by Graham Jennings and Mark Koussas brought the score to 5-4.



Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING 9

"They certainly look very good coming forward but there were a few gaps in defence which we will have to work on. Slickers coach Eddie Thomson was not all that happy with his defence either."

But let's hope that these two coaches do not curb the flamboyant attitude of their players too much. For believe me, it was refreshing to watch an entertaining game such as this — there should be more of it and if there were, attendances would certainly increase.

Bergrers avenge 7-0 chiding

Brisbane City 1 Heidelberg 2

Scorers: P. Wilkinson 77th, Yeomond 79th, Campbell 90th. **Goal:** Spencer Park.

Weather: Fine and Windy. **Crowd:** — about 2000.

Cautions: — Dunn, McVeigh (BC).

Referee: — D. Nugent.

BRISBANE CITY: — Coe 5, Caldwell 6, Rendell 7, Dunn 6, W. Wilkinson 7, V. Wilkinson 6 (Perry

80th), Plimblett 7, Pafikas 7, P. Wilkinson 6, McVeigh 6.

HEIDELBERG: — Oliver 6, McMillan 7, Provan 7, Yeomond 6, McMillan 6, Rendell 6, Seidenberg 6, Campbell 7, Paton 8, Cole 6, Yeomond 6 (Boskas 75th).

Brisbane City crashed to their first defeat of the season and chided Heidelberg who took revenge for their 7-0 loss in this corresponding match last season.

But the only thing which saved the game from ending as a giant blow was the last 20 minutes, when all the goals were scored.

It is sad seeing a once powerful team like Heidelberg spend much of the match weeping time and effort. Just after one of their busiest players, considering the number of back-passes he had to fetch from his defence.

City could claim a little back in the first half, but Paul Wilkinson being the post and a David Raddcliffe Heidelberg who took revenge for their 7-0 loss in this corresponding match last season.

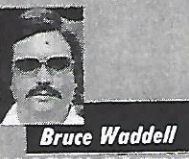
But the action which woke the crowd up started in the 77th minute, with a Frank Plimblett cross from the left and a John McVeigh flick-on setting up Wilkinson who

notched his eighth goal off the inside of the post.

Only two minutes later, Heidelberg were awarded a free kick in the middle of the park. John Yeomond was allowed to run before shooting and Martin Coe inexplicably misjudged by letting the ball fly over his head into the net.

Then Heidelberg, who had been looking for the draw all day, picked forward in the last minute of the game.

Selenski sent Gary Cole racing away and his square ball found Jim Campbell who struck it past the diving Coe.



Bruce Waddell

MATCH RATING 6

Ollerton saves Makedonia

P. Makedonia 1 Brish. Lions 1

Scorers: Ferris (BL) 77th, Ollerton (PM) 88th.

Venue: Connor Reserve.

Crowd: About 3000.

Referee: Stewart Mellings.

Cautions: — Brown (PM), Daut (BL).



Laurie Schwab

MATCH RATING: 7

for the new line-up to start firing.

Perhaps it will all happen for Makedonia against Blacktown at Gable Stadium on Sunday, but there was little hope of good play by either side on the very wet Connor Reserve pitch last weekend.

Passes went to the opposition, players slipped and skidded and fell, there was little opportunity to use speed. So the game turned into a dull, slogging affair whose best feature was the fearlessness of

the tackles and the spirited play of Makedonia's centre backs George McMillan and Ljube Petrovski.

Lions, extending their unbeaten run to eight games under new coach Joe McGilroy, looked the more composed team for most of the game, but scoring chances were shared evenly.

Doug Brown, making a welcome return to the fold, hit the post with a powerful shot and Lions replied with a similarly strong drive against the crossbar by Alan Niven. The ball came out to Mark McNaughton who blasted over the top.

Later, Mike Rainey cleared off the goal line after a header by Craig Low had gone past Richard Wilson, but in the first few minutes of play, Rob Collen had had a good scoring chance on a cross from Brown who had barged past Jim Hermon.

Niven was the best of the Lions players. He defended intelligently and was the only one who moved up from the back line.

Makedonia could have replaced any one of the midfielders but it was Alan Whittle who was taken off to make room for Claude Lucchesi just after half time.

Just before the change Farrel crossed from the right and Brown headed hard at goalkeeper Nigel Lownds.

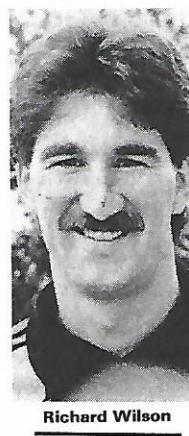
Makedonia's play degenerated in the second half and first shot at goal for this period did not come until the 70th minute — a powerful effort from Peter Ollerton, saved by Lownds.

Lions opened the scoring in the 77th minute. McNaughton's powerful header from Lownds' corner was headed by Wilson and Bobby Ferris nipped in to slam the loose ball high into the net at close range.

Makedonia reacted by surging forward with much determination. McMillan and Petrovski took turns in joining in the attacks.

Col Bennett made a desperate clearance under pressure from Lucchesi after Lownds had parried a cross from Farrel.

With two minutes left, Farrel crossed again from the right, and Ollerton rose like a jumbo jet to score a brilliant headed goal that earned Makedonia a valuable point in its fight against relegation.



Richard Wilson

YOUNG STARS TURN IT ON

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER O'ESSENDON CROATIA 5 (Macassevic 2, Gagua 2, Babic) at St James Park, West Heidelberg, Victorian Under 12 Cup.

HEIDELBERG: Rex Samlitis, Jim Tressintis, Ralph Gerni, George Laszko, Michael Chatzifonios, Nick Ousakas, Jim Llapia, John Mangos, Bill Mpaniditis, Nick Samps, Vic Poulios, Reserves: Sam Goulis, Steve Torougnagou.

CROATIA: Sammy Matsuko, Robert Gerni, Dennis Masini, Dusho Matic, Darren Ampulski, Dave Jurcic, Jozef Orsack.

Zdenko Matic, Zeljko Gagulic, Paul Babic, Mario Macassevic. Reserves: Sandy Kouroudidis, Raymond Viduka, Marko Tatic.

This is the first junior match I've seen in more than a year and I was fortunate to catch two of the classiest sides in the under 12 age group.

I was impressed by the general level of skill and determination on both sides. Little Vic Poulios of Heidelberg showed some impressive footwork in attack, captain George Laszko battled valiantly against Croatia's excellent attack, and full back Jim Tressintis combined fighting qualities with quite a bit of finesse. Jozef Orsack impressed me on

Croatia's right wing, as did Mario Macassevic on the left wing.

I'd heard quite a bit about Zeljko Gagua, the centre forward of Croatia, and from what I saw in this game, most of it is true. He's a determined fighter, he has a very powerful shot, he's not afraid to hit or go for difficult headers, he knows how to open up for a team mate, and he's got a good level of skill, like most of the other boys in this game.

Although Croatia won quite decisively, the game could never have swung the other way had Sammy Matsuko not saved a penalty shot by Heidelberg's Bill Mpaniditis in about the 18th minute. — LAURIE SCHWAB

Blair will get his chance: McKendry

From page one

"It's not the performance of one player which matters, it's the performance of player combinations which hopefully make a team successful," McKendry says.

Under McKendry Victoria certainly has savoured success in the past two years.

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took over. A big clear out was put into motion and after my month there nothing happened for me.

"So when Berwick and Celtic both approached me I chose Berwick because they wanted me immediately. Celtic wanted me to trial again."

"That season I was the only ever-present in Berwick's first team until I was sidelined by an ankle injury. I was carried off against Dundee."

But the good old Aussie syndrome of "knocking" has struck once more.

Now that the knockers have exhausted the mileage they gained from criticism of Queensland and Australia's World Cup bid, they have pointed their knives in the direction of the Victorian State team. They've tired of knocking a

side without success and are eyeing the successful Vics as their next target.

McKendry prides himself on sending out a well-organised outfit to represent Victoria.

But the preparation integral to Victoria's recent success has been the Vics have been unable to use Olympic Park on

with Smith which saw me train once with Berwick and once locally. But Connor changed that. He wanted everyone to train at Berwick twice a week.

"I was joint top scorer at the time. I explained my travelling problems to Connor. I asked to be released and he let me go."

The McCuskey and Egan families are good friends.

McCluskey had a guest player stint with Adelaide City a few years ago. Brother Danny played for South Melbourne Hellas, Albion Rovers and Frankston before joining Preston Makedonia for \$2500 over a month ago. At the time Egan was approached Danny McCuskey was with Frankston.

John Pryde, Frankston's Director of Coaching, was sold on the idea of bringing

Wednesday evenings as is their custom.

World Cup commitments, the recent Rugby Union game between France and Victoria and the Phillips Cup tie between Heidelberg and Adelaide City have curtailed McKendry's time to prepare for the Cruzeiro game.

"Steve Blair certainly is a boy for the future," said McKendry.

But I've got to make it work on Blair as specifically as I've worked on Steve Kokosa as a stopper.

"To throw Blair in at the deep end alongside John Heidelberg and John Yeomond without working on Blair to acclimatise him to our position play at the back could be bad for him and Victoria."

"We'll probably have only three seasons before the Cruzeiro game."

"Gutteridge made it clear from the start of his State coaching career that he wouldn't select players who have represented other teams and couldn't play for Australia. Jim Shirra, Steve Woodin and Evans fall into that category."

McKendry defends his selection.

"There's no question of John Yeomond and John Gutteridge being

\$7500 BUL FOR BULJEVIC

Footscray J.U.S.T. and Sydney Olympic failed last week to bid for Hellas forward Branko Buljevic. J.U.S.T. offered \$7500 for him. The extent of Olympic's offer is not known.

However, Hellas coach John Margeritis made it clear that he wants to keep Buljevic, even though the former Soccerro has been mostly on the bench since the return of George Campbell after injury, and the acquisition of Steve Woodin from New Zealand.

So Buljevic decided he would stay with Hellas and try to fight his way back into the team.

Buljevic played for J.U.S.T. for nearly two years before moving to Hellas and then Hellas.

J.U.S.T. now is trying once more

to secure a guest player from Yugoslavia. Ilija Petkovic, due three weeks ago, changed his mind at the last minute.

'New' Dunleavy

Wollongong 0 Newcastle 0

Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds. **Crowd:** 2100.

Referee: Ken Small 6. **WOLLONGONG:** Vardorff 8 — Fleming 6, Bertogena 9, de Graaf 7, Ainsworth 8 — Adam 7, Dunleavy 9, P. Treddnick 8, Campbell 7, Fontana 8, Latham 7.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7 — Reaney 8, Snaddon 7, Drinkwater 7, H. Treddnick 7 — Senkalovic 8, Sumner 7, Mason 7 — Hays 6, Mountford 6, Jones 6.

Wollongong coach Ken Morton used star centre back Chris Dunleavy in a new central middle role to mark Newcastle's New Zealand international Steve Sumner.

Not only did he shadow Sumner, but he also pushed up into the box as an alternative target man when he had the chance. Dunleavy and centre back Arno Bertogena were the finest players in a very pleasing Wollongong performance which, however, failed to produce goals.

The threat of scoring was always there, though.

Morton's pre-match plan was to open John Latham operating slightly behind front-runners Clive Campbell and Glen Fontana to drag Paul Reaney inside and create a gap for Peter Treddnick.

It worked well, and when



Knut Werner

MATCH RATING: 8

on him, creating space for Jeff Ainsworth out wider.

To Newcastle's credit, it defended well and broke forward quickly whenever it had the opportunity. But Fleming and Bertogena repelled most of the advances.

It was a disallowed goal 12 minutes from the end that cost Wollongong a win.

Fontana sent in a good cross to Campbell who headed the ball home.

But referee Ken Small disallowed the goal, ruling Fontana had taken the ball across the goal line before he crossed it.

Ex-Newcastle player, Peter Treddnick, played well against his old club and had a spirited clash with his brother Howard on the Newcastle team.

The best player for Newcastle was Paul Reaney whose defence was superb and who

J.U.S.T. FANTASTIC!

Adel. C. Juventus 1 Footscray JUST 3

Scorers: J. Nyskohus 59th (Ad. City); Ilioski 15th, Cozella 82nd and 84th.
Cautions: Jovanovic, O'Reilly (Footscray); Northcote (Adelaide City).
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.

Crowd: 3,300
Weather: Cool
Referee: Don Campbell 7.
ADELAIDE CITY: Prybylski 7, Russell 6, Jones 7, Perin 7, B. Nyskohus 8, Melia 8, Villani 7, Marocchi 6 — Northcote 7 (Rankin), Mitchell 6, J. Nyskohus 6.
FOOTSCRAY: Boland 9 — Hazabent 7, Kondarios 8, O'Reilly 7, Kakantonis 7 — Belic 7, Jovanovic 7, Ilioski 8 — Lujic 8, Verweij 7, Cozella 8.

Adelaide City's defence looked vulnerable for the first time in weeks while the midfield and attack lacked its usual rhythm.

City picked the wrong match to have an off day because Footscray J.U.S.T. played with great determination and skill.

However it can thank goalkeeper Dennis Boland for shutting the door on City.

He made four great saves and that does not include his second-minute penalty kick save from John Nyskohus.

It was the second penalty in three matches Nyskohus had missed.

The penalty was awarded when Charlie Villani was chopped down just inside the box.

J.U.S.T. swamped City's defence after this and Vlatko Belic easily could have scored twice but for some sloppy finishing.

However, J.U.S.T. eventually took the lead in the 15th minute when Zoran Ilioski cracked a superb 25-metre drive into the far corner.



Meno Toutsidis

MATCH RATING 8

City was denied an equaliser seven minutes later when Boland saved brilliantly from a blistering volley by Villani. J.U.S.T. never allowed the City midfield to control the match and always had them under pressure.

Edravko Lujic was a menace up front and was the best striker of the match. He was given good support from Johan Verweij and Bruno Cozella.

City opened the second half more confidently but the midfield promptings of Villani and Sergio Melia were often wasted.

But John Nyskohus equalised in the 59th minute when he brilliantly headed a Villani corner kick.

Boland then made two good saves from Melia and substitute Peter Rankin before John Nyskohus attempted a pass back to his goalkeeper.

The ball went out for a corner and moments later Cozella put the ball into the net for a shock 82nd minute lead.

As if that wasn't enough Cozella, with all the time in the world, calmly spun on the edge of the penalty area and fired it past Jack Prybylski for the third goal.

J.U.S.T.'s win was remarkable because Kyri Kyriakoulas was out, suspended, and Jim Milne was injured.

Forward Steve Kakantonis stood in as full back and did a great job.



What a tackle! Steve Blair is horizontal as he foils Blacktown's Ricci Hormazabal.

SM HELLAS 2 BLACKTOWN 1

Goals: Hormazabal og 62nd, Bannon 70th, Jones 79th.
Venue: Middle Park.
Referee: D. Yelland 5.
Cautions: Evans, Rogers, Jones.

HELLAS: Laumets 6; Bannon 7, Xanthopoulos 6, Blair 6, Davidson 7; Rogers 8, Stevens 6, Christopoulos 7, Woodin 6, Evans 7, Campbell 6 (Buljevic 58th).

BLACKTOWN: James 5;



Dick Prendergast

MATCH RATING 5

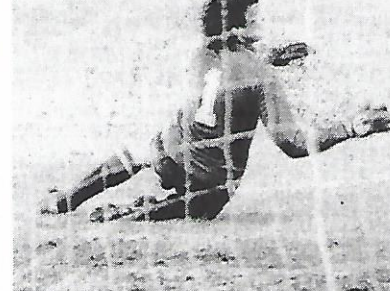
Close one, and now George to leave

kick proved too hot for James, allowing the ball to slip through his hands into the net.

From then on Hellas should have coasted home but instead it allowed Blacktown back into the game only nine minutes later when some scrappy defence allowed Jones to exchange three passes in the area and then slip the ball home past Peter Laumets.

Only a minute after the goal, Brian O'Donnell intercepted Alan Davidson's crossfield pass and broke through but Laumets pulled off a fine save to deny the midfielder.

Just on full time Billy Rogers had the chance to increase Hellas' lead, catching the Blacktown defence on the hop and breaking through with only the keeper to beat. He had Alan Evans available on his right but elected to go on his own and was rugby tackled by the keeper.



TOP: Got it! ABOVE: Whoops, it's gone. Vince Bannon's free kick slips through Bruce James' hands. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

Maher thwarts Canberra

Canberra 0 Marconi 0

CANBERRA: Hosowski 8, M. O'Shea 7, Moutsopoulos 8, J. O'Shea 7, Cole 8, R. O'Shea 8, Purdie 8, Ian Gibson 7 (Massa 77th), Brennan 7 (Vallari 62nd), MacLaren 8.
MARCONI: Maher 9, Degney 7, Bogan 7, Henderson 8, Byrne 7, Hume 8, Johnson 7, Mariani 7, Jankovic 7, (Hunter 45 7), Krncevic 7, Sharne 7.

Cautions: M. O'Shea, MacLaren, Hosowski.
Crowd: 4160.
Ref: Bob Mee 7.

"We did more than enough to win but once more it was the old, old story of creating chances but failing to convert them," said Canberra's coach, George Murray after the game.

"It is costing us dearly." There could be no more incredible miss than in the 62nd minute by Canberra's Scottish import, Ian Purdie.

Purdie beat everyone — including Marconi's goalkeeper, Allan Maher.

He was left with an open goal yet incredibly, when no more than two or three metres out, he somehow fired wide of the post.

"The ball got stuck between my feet," a dejected Purdie said after the game.

Had it gone in there would have been but one end result — a thumping Canberra victory.

Minutes afterwards, Canberra's fans had further reason to groan when Don



Peter Windsor

MATCH RATING 8

MacLaren's fiercely hit ground shot that looked destined for goal brought out the best in Maher who somehow got his 6ft 3 inch frame onto the stick to save.

Yet he didn't stop the ball completely and finally, after Ian Gibson had slammed the loose ball back into a pack of red-shirted Marconi defenders, it took the boot of Tony Henderson to clear for the corner.

And in the 71st minute, Maher was once more called open to save brilliantly — this time a long shot from Duncan Cole.

It was an incredible second 45 minutes.

Full marks to Marconi for withstanding the pressure for Canberra ran Marconi ragged.

The PSL's former glamour side was reduced to the occasional quick break.

Yet from one such break Marconi almost snatched a goal when Eddie Krncevic's flicked header was cleared off

the goal-line by Michael O'Shea.

Marconi's coach Paul Blano could be happy with the way his team defended — but unhappy with the way they gave up early dominance gained through solid midfield grafting by players like Henderson and Houseni.

The first half was thoroughly entertaining, with incidents like John O'Shea's diving header just wide of the post from a fine waist-high cross from Duncan Cole and a blistering Tony Brennan shot that Maher did well to hold.

The crowd of 4,160 witnessed a great spectacle. One could only reflect why the attendance, despite reasonable weather and a big publicity build-up wasn't bigger.

Blanco must rate Maher and Henderson his best players while Canberra's coach George Murray must have been thoroughly pleased at the showing of his young, teenaged fullback John Moutsopoulos.

Young Moutsopoulos, a big strong lad, had a great game. One wonders why he hasn't been trialled for the Australian youth team.

And finally Terry Byrne, MacLaren and each of the three O'Sheas.

All played magnificently and gave total commitment.

A great game, but from Canberra's point of view a lost point that could cost it dearly in its bid to stay with the top three or four teams.

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IN BRIEF

Manchester City have signed Martin O'Neill, the Norwich and Northern Ireland international whom the East Anglian bought for a big fee from Notts Forest last season. But it's not a cut and dried move as Norwich want cash for O'Neill as Manchester City still owe them \$1 million as the remainder for Kevin Reeves transfer. The business is likely to go before the League Management Committee.

The British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, is to be president of her home town soccer club Grantham who play in the Soccer League.

Newly promoted Notts County have paid out 100,000 pounds to Irish club Ballymena for their youth international defender Nigel Worthington which makes the 19-year-old the most expensive export from Northern Ireland.

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O'CONNOR BRILLIANT AGAIN

APIA 1 West Adel 0

Scorer: Soper. Venue: Lambert Park. Crowd: 3500.
APIA: Woodhouse 7 — McCausland 6, Wilson 8, Pullen 7, Gray 7, Bradley 7, Kafka 6 (Morsello 67th), Butler 7, Hughes 6 — Soper 7, O'Connor 9.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 8 — McGregor 6, Ford 6, Kambas 7, Boznic 8 — Topaz 7, Brown 6 (Maricic 68th), Honeyman 7 — Smythe 6, Kowalski 6 (Lorenzoni 75th), Manecas 6.

APIA — Leichhardt scored its fifth home win, beating West Adelaide by 1-0, but failed to impress some 3,500 plus crowd at Lambert Park.

In fact the home side had to fight hard to avoid dropping a point against an unfancied West Adelaide.

The visitors threw caution to the wind and decided to go 'for broke' attacking the home team at every opportunity. With this kind of attitude



Roger Sherack

MATCH RATING 7

Westad could have gone in front after a quick move involving Graham Honeyman, Manecas and Kowalski, but Greg Woodhouse made a daring venture out of goal to foil Kowalski and kick the ball over the side line just as the visitors looked set to score.

Leichhardt appeared sluggish and with the exception of O'Connor few showed touches which could have netted the home team a goal. It was O'

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Another passenger on the Sydney City bandwagon

The ups and downs of soccer will be highlighted by Sunday's Olympic Park meeting between Heidelberg and Sydney City.

These magnificent 1980 outfits fought out the grand final of the PSL top four competition last year. Heidelberg won and wrote its name indelibly into the record books. There is no such competition this year so the Bergers look like being the holder of the grand final cup for many years to come.

But things change. Especially things at Heidelberg. Once mighty, once proud the Bergers now face a fight to push up from the lower rungs of the PSL ladder and reassert their prestige and status.

But Sydney City is chasing a championship. Come to think of it Eddie Thomson's side always is chasing the championship.

I let my big mouth run away with me earlier this season and tipped Canberra for the title. It probably comes as no surprise to learn that time and space has changed my perspective on the outcome of the 1981 championship race.

The time is recent. As recent as Canberra's crucial dropped points last month.

The space is the extent of Adelaide City's jump up the ladder. I still can't make my mind up whether to go for Bob D'Ottavio's side for the title or stick with tried and true Sydney City.

I may not be consistent in

my predictions but consistency is a quality I admire in soccer.

I'll jump on the bandwagon of the most consistent side in Australia since the PSL was formed in 1977. I'll go for Sydney City to beat the Bergers. And take off this year's title as well.

Indeed both Sydney City and Heidelberg could share the honour of winning a cup or title in the last year of its competition.

The Philips Industries' sponsorship of the PSL is up for renegotiation in a few months time. I hate to be pessimistic but I have my doubts about Philips' wish to throw its dollars in the direction of our soccer. So Sydney City could be the last club in the land to win the PSL championship as we now know it.

With apologies to South Melbourne Hellas as you can now see I've written you off as a title contender.

But I'm well aware of the full ramifications of my madness.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Firstly I suppose I'll have to pay full price for my drinks in the Hellas restaurant. And I think the exquisite taste of my last free souvenir will have to be committed to memory.

But I just can't see Hellas winning the title. And Newcastle could drive a nail firmly into the coffin carrying Hellas's title hopes when they meet at the International Sports Centre on Sunday.

KB's recent results suggests that the late run of successes which characterised KB's 1980 PSL performance is about to be repeated.

And Hellas's record in Newcastle isn't anything to cheer about.

I've been saying nice things about Footscray J.U.S.T. for a couple of weeks. Well, "nice" in comparison with what I usually say about J.U.S.T.

But it's no more Mr Nice Guy if J.U.S.T. can't take a point off Brisbane City at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

Aside from another one of my predictions going down the drain if the Brisbane boys win, a loss to J.U.S.T. here could spell disaster because I'm really confident that Preston Makedonia will take at least a point from Sunday's Gabbie Stadium foray against Blacktown.

Isaac Farrell is a quality player. Just the tonic the Makedonia midfield needed. Now all that Makedonia requires is for Alan Whittle, Rob Cullen and player-coach Peter Ollerton to hit the target and all the fluster and bluster about finishing in the relegation zone can be swept away.

One wonders though how long Ollerton can afford to leave a lethal finisher like Gary Ward out of the line-up.

APIA should beat Wollongong at Lambert Park on Sunday.

Although APIA was soundly beaten 4-1 by Newcastle two weeks ago it easily could have notched another goal or two, especially in the last 20 minutes.

Phil O'Connor is an exciting player. I'd stick an Australian shirt upon his back before I'd toss it toward a couple of present Soccerers.

Adelaide City faces a giant hurdle when Brisbane Lions looms larger than life at Richlands Stadium on Sunday.

But I've been an admirer of the City side for the past few months. I'm not about to change and although Sydney City's my title tip I'll back the Adelaide lads to keep this year's championship race tight to the final post.

Not many sides get a result against Lions in Brisbane.

As we went to press we didn't know whether City import Justin Fashanu would receive a longer suspension than the automatic week he just has served after clashing with Heidelberg's Arthur McMillan two weeks ago.

Fashanu or no Fashanu, Adelaide City can win.

Well I've tossed Canberra over the side of the title boat but George Murray's Maestros won't flounder for long. They should beat Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park on Sunday.

This should be one hell of a game. Both sides are keen to go forward and are sure to turn on a great spectacle for the enthusiastic Greek fans.

Tony Brennan is having probably his best ever PSL season. His pace and skill will be a large thorn in Olympic's side.

Provided Canberra shows better organisation at the back than it did against West Adelaide two weeks ago the visitors should come away with both points.

Speaking of West Adelaide, only Marconi's amazing PSL record against West, eight wins in nine encounters, swayed me to tip Raul Blanco's boys to knock off West at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Slickers in a yawn

Sydney City 1
Wollongong 0

By Tom Anderson

Venue: St George Stadium.
Crowd: around 1,500
Conditions: Good
Referee: Peter Rampley 8.
SYDNEY CITY — Clarke 7, Mullen 7, Spanos 7, O'Connor 8, Bruns 7, Watson 7, Sub Lee 8, Cant 7, Robertson 8, Murray 7 (sub. Patikas 8), Kosmina 6, Boden 6.

WOLLONGONG — Vardas 8, Willis 7, Dunleavy 7, Bertagna 8, Ainsworth 7, Adam 6, Fleming 6 (sub. Campbell 6), Latham 6, De Graaf 6, McBrean 6, Tredinick 7.

Scorer: Jim Cant 68th.

This game put Sydney City equal top of the PSL ladder and the two points gained were invaluable for the club.

And, I suppose in a few weeks time the outcome will just be a result in the record book and the application of how these points were won will have been forgotten.

Just as well! For this was one of the most forgettable clashes of the season.

It was a big yawn from start to finish with excitement nonexistent.

Wollongong played an ultra-defensive game and at times had all its men back in their own half defending grimly.

It was negative football at its dreariest and its worst. In fact it was just the kind of stuff which Wollongong coach Ken Morton decried Blacktown for playing when it visited Wollongong recently!

Could be there is some double standards here somewhere — don't do as I do — do as I say!

MATCH RATING:
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And with the provincials in such a negative mood the Slickers were unable to find a solution to the problem which faced them.

They played a 4-3-3 formation throughout a dreary first half. This failed to penetrate the Wollongong defence yet they stuck to it in the second half!

I know it's easy coaching from the grandstand, but it looked as if a 4-2-4 system would have pulled the Wollongong defence out wide and allowed passage through the middle.

But this was not to be and City coach Eddie Thomson got the two points and proved his point!

The goal which decided this terrible game came in the 68th minute when Jim Cant hit one in from 20 metres.

An amazing fact about this Wollongong team was that New Zealand international Clive Campbell was not brought into the action until the 63rd minute when he replaced John Fleming.

What a waste that was, for Campbell is a highly talented player.

When he did come on he proved to be Wollongong's best player!

Soccer's a funny game even though it's not meant to be!!

IN MELBOURNE
Heidelberg v SYDNEY CITY at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — SC 3-1, 1-1. 1978 — SC 2-1, 1-1. 1979 — Heid 3-1, 2-2. 1980 — 1-1, 0-0. 1981 — SC 1-0. Advantage Sydney City 3 wins, 5 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 12:10.

Footscray JUST v Brisbane City (draw) at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — JUST 3-1, 2-1. 1978 — BC 3-0, 2-2. 1979 — JUST 2-0, BC 2-1. 1980 — 1-1, 1-1. 1981 — BC 2-0. No advantage. Goal advantage Brisbane City 13:12.

IN SYDNEY
Blacktown v Preston Makedonia (draw) at Gabbie Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 — Blacktown 3-2.
APIA LEICHHARDT v Wollongong at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 — 1-1.

Sydney Olympic v CANBERRA at Pratten Park, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — Canb 4-0, 2-2. 1978 — SO 3-1, Canb 2-1. 1979 — SO 3-1, 0-0. 1981 — Canb 2-1. Advantage Canberra 3 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 12:10.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane Lions v ADELAIDE CITY at Richlands Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm. 1977 — 1-1, 0-0. 1978 — Lions 4-1, 3-1. 1979 — AC 6-0, 2-0. 1980 — AC 2-1, 0-0. 1981 — AC 3-2. Advantage Adelaide City 4 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 16:11.

IN NEWCASTLE
NEWCASTLE v South Melbourne Hellas at International Sports Centre, Sunday 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1978 — Hellas 3-0, 1-1. 1979 — Newc 2-1, 2-1. 1980 — Newc 1-0, 0-0. 1981 — Hellas 2-0. Advantage Newcastle 3 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 6:8.

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide v MARCONI at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 — Marc 2-1, 1-0. 1978 — Marc 2-0, WA 2-1. 1979 — Marc 2-1, 2-1. 1980 — Marc 2-1, 1-0. 1981 — Marc 1-0. Advantage Marconi 8 wins, 1 loss. Goals: 14:6.

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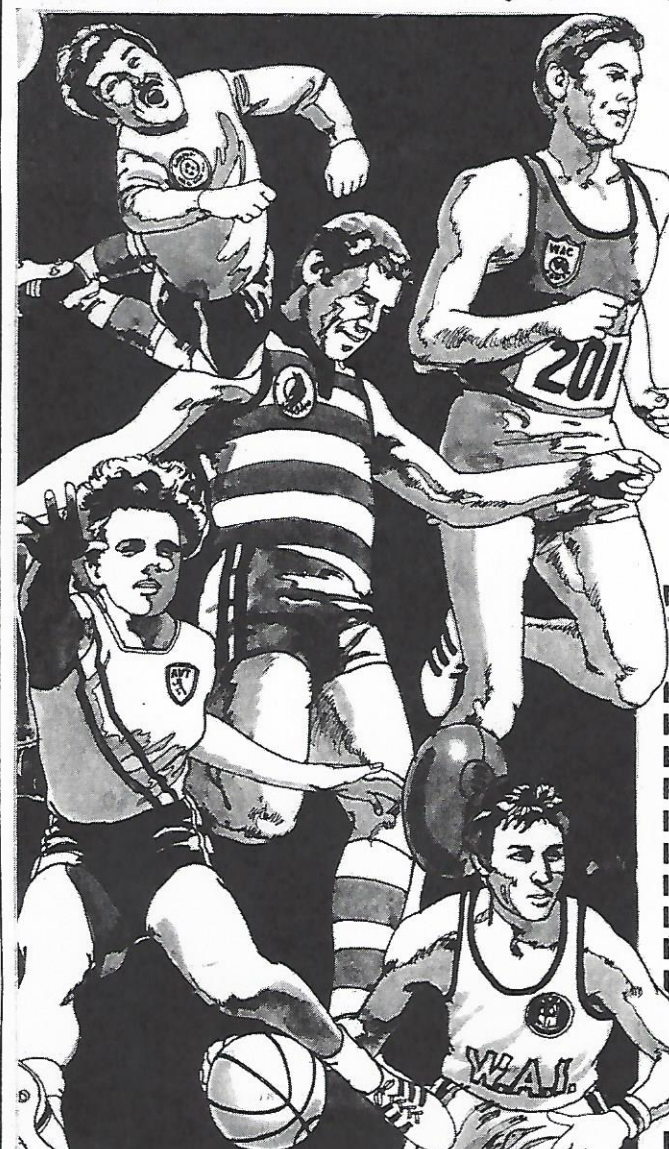
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CROYDON 0

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Thomson 7, Adams 6, Stewart 8, Irvine 7 - Holford 7, Leslie 6, Tuffill 8 - Egan 7, Buchanan 6 (inj. Campbell 65th), Gray 6 (Burroughs 71, 61).
CROYDON: Keogh 7 - Brown 8, Pongho 6, McCombe 7, Holson 7 - Spink 7, Smith 6, Howarth 6, Wassell 7 - Evans 6 (Wright 67th), Wade 8.

Graham Tuffill made the jump from District Third Division to State League look oh so easy against Croydon on Sunday.

Tuffill was brought out here by George Cross earlier this year but went A.W.O.L. and bobbed up with Cranbourne. The Baysiders paid around \$1500 for him last week and he showed that he was worth every penny in his State League debut.

Croydon floundered up front as it had done the previous week against Croatia.

There's no-one to feed off Paul Wade's good work. Wade played a fine lone hand. He came off Bob Adams well, played the ball to his team mates with fine control, and was prepared to take on an opponent when that option presented itself.

Kim Wassell showed what he was capable of when taking a more prominent forward role in the last 15 minutes but then Frankston had done irreparable damage to



Croydon's hopes of a good result.

It didn't take the locals long to make their mark. Charlie Egan went down the right in the 10th minute, cut inside Gary Hobson and flicked the ball through to Bill Buchanan who drew Sean Keogh and stuck the ball away into the far corner of goal from about 15 metres.

The killer blow came when Tuffill was fed into the area in the 47th minute. Egan calmly stroked the ball into the corner, low down to Keogh's right.

Frankston showed more grit than in previous weeks and it can go on from here to drive away from the relegation zone.

AND NOW, KENT AND McCANN

GEORGE CROSS 3
(Goal 3) RINGWOOD 2
(Sinclair 2)

GEORGE CROSS: O'Hara 6 - Morgan 7, Maitland 7, Wilkinson 7, McKinlay 7 - Rigby 7, G. Bannan 7, Farmer 7 - Gambin 6, Toal 9, Mizi 5.
RINGWOOD: Fearn 6 (Bravo H.T. 6) - Dixon 7, Brooks 7, Lupton 6, Venners 6 - O'Riley 7, Malt 6, O'Callaghan 6, Thom 6 - Sinclair 8, Greener 6.

Bobby Toal's hat-trick brought joy to the George Cross supporters and they can look forward to even better things to come in the form of overseas players Terry Kent and Hugh McCann, due to arrive tomorrow (Thursday).

McCann, a speedy winger, and Kent, an attacking midfielder, should give Cross the attacking flair to continue its campaign for a top four berth.

And defender Johnny Johnstone,



from Scotland, trained with Cross last night (Tuesday).

Ringwood was the better side in the first half and showed a fierce competitive spirit.

Cross struck first when Toal ran onto a Ray Mizi through ball and shot. The ball deflected off Les Fearn's legs and in to goal.

The Cross went further ahead in the 65th minute thanks to a crashing Toal drive from 25 metres into the top corner.

But Mike O'Hara misjudged a

Brian Sinclair cross and palmed the ball into his own goal.

Cross narrowly missed with two good chances to Dave Rigby and Toal before Toal put the issue beyond doubt when he ran past Gamble's through ball and neatly slipped it past Carlos Bravo, Fearn's half time replacement.

Ringwood's late second goal came when Sinclair pounced in a packed area as Cross failed to clear and tucked the ball away from close range.

Nick to make dream come true

Mornington, in its 19th year of Fourth Division competition, is set to realise a long awaited dream - promotion.

Under player-coach Nick van Egmond, Mornington came back from a one goal half time deficit against promotion rival Sunbury last weekend, to record a crucial 2-1 win which sent it two points clear at the top of the ladder.

Van Egmond has played an integral part in the club's revival after a dismal period of wallowing at the foot of Fourth Division.

Now Mornington is set for success. Against Sunbury on Saturday Mornington levelled after half time thanks to substitute Paul Briscoe who followed up a free kick by Nick van Egmond junior which was dropped by the Sunbury keeper.

Peter Martinovic notched the winner.

FIRST DIVISION
BOX HILL: 1 (Lawlor 70 min) WESTERN SUBURBS: 2 (Segi 26 min, Moore 51 min.)

BOX HILL: Morgan, Patterson, Brownlie, Rae, Singleton, Rodhouse, Macleod, (McLeod 67 min), Verechia, Valentine, Darlington, Lawlor.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitani, Kypriotes, Deglis, Lkarapetos, Glykokalamos, (Dimovos 89 min), McCarthy, Segi, Petersen, Kian, Kucic, Theodorides.

Failure to capitalise on two simple chances in the first half, spelt disaster for Box Hill in their game against promotion seeking rivals Western Suburbs, at Wembley Park on Saturday.

Playing in treacherous conditions the Hillmen were the territorial masters, but Suburbs twice managed to create something out of nothing, to take out two valuable points, and move up to second place on the table.

A long speculative lob into Box Hill's penalty area by Eddie Kupcz was half cleared by David Singleton, but held up in the mud, and Andy Segi pouncing on the opportunity, gave Graham Morgan no chance with a fierce right foot

drive into the bottom corner of the goal.

The Hillmen fought back with determination, but missed a golden opportunity to equalise when Lawlor, picking up a clearance from a corner, rounded Karapetos and shot hard to the keepers' left. Mitani didn't get a hand to the ball but couldn't hold it, and it fell to Ian Macleod who had followed up well. Unfortunately for the home side, with the goal at his mercy, Macleod could only hammer his left foot drive at the far post, and Suburbs were thankful to scramble the rebound away.

In the second half Suburbs came more into the game. The experience of McCarthy and Moore was starting to express itself in the difficult conditions, and with Glykokalamos and Karapetos at the back adopting a "they shall not pass" attitude, the Hillmen's chances were few and far between.

When, in the 51st minute, Don Brownlie fouled Kiarin some 30 yards out, the situation did not look critical. However, the astute Moore realising that the home defence was not properly organised, seized the opportunity to drive a great right foot shot into the corner of the net with the Box Hill players completely at sixes and sevens.



Nick van Egmond

Lawlor finished off a fine move in the 70th minute by heading Greg McLeod's cross past Mitani.

RICHMOND 2 AUSTRIA 1

RICHMOND: Kiss, Skinner, E. Groenewald, Straubinger, KLuipic, Huntley, Beer, Curcija, W. Groenewald, Lushakov, Voutas, Tadi, Craig, O. Latif, Webb, Brewerton.

AUSTRIA: Petersen, Samutt, Dobson, Grbac, Smale, Campbell, T. Tadi, Craig, O. Latif, Webb, Brewerton.

While Austria dominated play from the outset it failed to take its chances.

Poor marking allowed Erich Beer to put Richmond one up when he scored after a corner.

Ossie Latif broke clear in the 42nd minute and slammed the ball past Joe Kiss from 15 metres.

Richmond took charge of midfield in the second half and had the better of play.

Skinner pounced on a goal-mouth scramble in the 63rd minute to put the seal on the home side's victory.

BEST: Austria: Brewerton; Richmond: Young.

Herbert Ross dies

Kelior-Austria's masseur Herbert Ross died during Austria's game against Richmond at Richmond Park on Sunday.

He had been with Austria for eight years. Beforehand he served as a manager of clubs in including Croatia.

He trained as a physiotherapist at the world-famous "Charite" in Berlin.

Mr. Ross is survived by three daughters and a son.

"Soccer Action" extends its sympathy.



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KNOX CITY: Butcher 7 - Senior 7, Fox 7, Bailey 8, Gerthoff 8, Gerish 8, House 8, Smith 7 - P. Priestly 5, M. Priestly 7, Webster 8.

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And two weeks ago Billy

KEW 1 (Savage) POLONIA 3 (Lakic 2, Marshall)

POLONIA: MARIYBNONG: Dzikowski, R. Upienski, Jaworski, Harman, Pichner, Marshall, Wallace, G. Gamanicki, P. Czaplinski, Lakic.

Polonia returned to the winning list when they had a very good 3-1 win over Kew Park Rangers at Kew on Saturday.

The game started sensationally when Kew were awarded a penalty in the second minute after Marion Jaworski handled the ball. Tahs spot kick however was brilliantly saved by Polonia keeper Leszek Dziakowski.

Kew paid dearly for that terrible miss when the ever alert Brendan Lakic took full advantage of a perfect pass by Alex Marshall to score from close range, and a few minutes later a powerful shot by John Wallace grazed the cross bar with the Kew keeper well beaten.

Ten minutes after the break Polonia went further ahead when a shot by Wallace again hit the crossbar but this time the ball rebounded straight to Lakic who calmly headed in his second goal.

After a series of attacks Kew managed to reduce the deficit when Savage shot powerfully past Dziakowski but from the kick off Polonia restored their two goal lead when Marshall scored from just outside the penalty area.

Best players for Polonia were Lakic, Sekulski, Marshall.

SLAVIA v KNOX CITY 0

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Auld was taken to hospital and needed an operation to his knee. He'll be out for the rest of the season.

This game never reached heights with Knox having the better of the first half and Slavia winning in the second half. A draw was a fair result.

SECOND DIVISION
DONCASTER ROVERS 3 ARDEER 0

The return of skipper Alan Copeland and centre back Ian Humble from injury was a great factor in the 3-0 win over Ardeer.

In the second half Rovers started to put more effort into moving the ball quickly through the mud and it brought results with two penalties when an Ardeer player handled the ball in the area, then Mario Anselma was brought down.

They were converted by Rob Forsyth.

Anselma scored the third goal with a good individual effort.

THIRD DIVISION
BELL PARK 1 BROADMEADOWS 1

SCORERS: Bell Park: Peter Harman; Broadmeadows: A. Bell 1.

BEST PLAYERS: Bell Park: H. Rogerson, J. Munoz, B. Paklin, P. Harman, G. Smiljevic, B. Pocock, L. Skuse, R. Pocock, M. Vengden, D. Ortiz, D. Shagila, T. Cuell.

BROADMEADOWS: D. Page, J. Sedlitz, A. Acosta, C. Najdoski, J. Vizzini, C. Presalick, T. Smiliza, M. Sacco, A. Zvenetti, J. Onell, A. Bell, C. Vello, J. Sendra.

ELTHAM v CORIO 4
Eltham's return to the winning list was short lived as they crashed 4-0 in the game with Corio at Lower Eltham Park.

Corio adapted to the conditions much better than the home side and the result was never in doubt after the first 10 minutes.

Best: Eltham: Raynes, M. Cirka, Beck, Brooks, Corio: Crilly, Reardon, Lindsay, Thompson.

DISTRICT FIRST DIVISION
CENTRAL CITY 2 MITCHAM 1

CENTRAL: Pantelli, Aristodemou, Konstantinou, Miller, Altizina, Evripodis (Theodoros 77th), Vasilopoulos, De Gabriele, Avaram (Nicolaou 45th), Iounnou.

MITCHAM: Arvana, Hill, Sinclair, Dobbing, Samtoy, Topley (Richardson 78th), Breslin, Munro, McKay, McGowin, Gighorin.

Central, undefeated in the last 13 games, scored first through Iounnou in the 35th min.

Mitcham's Samtoy headed home to level the scores in the second half.

The 23rd minute saw Vasilou score after a great solo effort.

BEST: Central: Aristodemou, Iounnou, Vasilou; Mitcham: Carvana, Samtoy, McKay.

McLaughlin sent off in draw

DOVETON 2 (Irvine, Bantley) HAKOAH 2 (French, Kent)

DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 - Thurlow 6, Corke 7, Merick 7, McConville 7 - Bantley 7, Cherrie 8 - McLaughlin (sent off 65th), Irvine 7, Quin 7.

HAKOAH: Frysser 6 - Dusen 8, Jordanou 7, Hannah 7, Rooney 6 - Gadsby 6, McNeil 7, French 8, Kent 8 - Webster 7, McClunie 6.

Two distinct halves and Jim McLaughlin's sending off highlighted an incident-packed game at Warrah Reserve on Sunday.

The Doves played their best attacking soccer of the season in the first half after an unusual preparation. Before the game the players played a practice match against another pitch to acclimatise to the muddy conditions. Obviously it helped because Doveton went in at Hakoah from the outset.

Arthur Cherrie, dropped back from his usual striking role into a midfield berth, revelled in the opening 45 minutes.

The Doves hit the front in the 20th minute when Steve Irvine ran onto Mike McVior's through ball and slotted it past Mike Frysser.

Anton Dosen's divine header cleared McLaughlin's chip over Frysser but Hakoah took command in the second half.

Scores were levelled in the 50th minute when Graham French ran onto Stan Webster's through ball and calmly tucked it away.

Then came a magic moment for the revitalised Chris Kent.

He took a free kick in the 60th minute. His lethal left foot curled the ball around Doveton's defensive wall giving the diving Lou Ivanoff no chance.

The game erupted five minutes later. Doveton was awarded a free kick as the players milled around inside the area. McLaughlin was fouled. He retaliated and was sent off. The local spectators vented their disapproval as the atmosphere became electric.

But the Doves maintained their unbeaten record thanks to Gordon Bentley's precise header in the 87th minute which caught Frysser transfixed on his line.

Hakoah certainly had a lot to play for. Long serving secretary Kurt Deris suffered a heart attack the day before this match. He came out of intensive care yesterday (Tuesday).

I join with everyone connected with Hakoah in wishing Kurt a speedy recovery. He is a real identity in the local soccer and someone I admire greatly.

It's the royalty of people like Kurt Deris which makes soccer such a great game.

This week's selections

Selections by Craig MacKenzie:

DIVISION I: Saturday: Australia v Slavia. Monday: v Richmond (draw), Kew City v Kew Park Rangers (draw). Sunday: Western Suburbs v Albion Rangers. Tuesday: v Morwell Falcons, Altona Gate v Box Hill (draw).

DIVISION II: Saturday: Springfield City v Melbourne, Fawcett v Doncaster Rovers, JUST v Helix, Arden v FRANKTON PARKS, PRESTON v Heidelberg United, Werribee City v DAN DENING CITY.

DIVISION III: Saturday: Heidelberg v BELL PARK, BROADMEADOWS v Port Melbourne, Corio v Werribee (draw), Yallourn v ST. ALANS, RINGWOOD UNITED v Pheasant City, Coburg v Eltham (draw).

DIVISION IV: Saturday: North Dandenong v Sandringham City (draw), Mooramb United v SUNBURY UNITED, Mooramb City v RYDAL PARK, MORNINGTON v Chelsea, NUNAWADING CITY v Farnham Gully, BRIGHTON v Kaysborough.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

DIVISION I: Saturday: Caulfield City v THIRDMASTOWN, Carlton v NORTHAM UNITED, ESSENBOURNE CITY v Grandborough, Geelong v Hamlyn Rangers (draw), Melton v MORDOLLO, Rosebud v SOUTH OAKLEIGH.

DIVISION II: Saturday: Clayton v NORTH GEE LONG, KARAINGAL UNITED v Shepparton City, Lake United v East Brunswick (draw), NUNAWADING UNITED v Hamilton City, South Tynes v LANGWARRIN, BALLARAT v Hawthorn.

DIVISION III: Saturday: Benwick City v Clifton Hill (draw), BULLEN v Kyneton, REGENT v West Melbourne, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE v Moe United, Terrville v Rosanna (draw), Sorrento v MORDOLLO.

DISTRICT LEAGUE
Round 11 Sunday 12th July 1981
DIVISION I: Sunday: Branswick City v Abbotsford Tessa (draw), Pental Institute v CLEVENHAM, MALVERN CITY v Altona United, South Dandenong v CENTRAL CITY, MITCHAM UNITED v Marib, Rimbly v HOOVER, PONDS (draw), Moorab Park v SPRINGVALE UNITED, CRANBOURNE v Seaford United, Danden v PORT UNITED.

CENTRAL AMATEUR LEAGUE

Round 12 Sunday 12th July 1981
DIVISION I: Sunday: RIMM v ENDEAVOUR HILLS, Meadhead United v Cheltenham (draw), Macdonald Hills v Lyndale United (draw), Larcaba United v MELBOURNE UNI. AMATEUR, BALWYN CITY v Bundoora, ROSA UNITED v Meadow Park.

DIVISION II: Sunday: CONCORD v Kororo Rangers, Helms Park v RAAF MELBOURNE, Werribee v UNITED WEST, MULGRAVE v Vasey v Spink, ST. MARKS v Albert Park, DINGLEY v Epping, TSS.

YOUTH LEAGUE
SOUTH/EAST DIVISION: Sunday: Frankston FC v v Femora Gully (draw), DANDENONG CITY v Nareandong City, KNOX CITY v Springfield City, Moorab Park v FRANKTON PINES "A".

NORTH/WEST DIVISION: Sunday: FAWNOR v Fawcett JUST, Broadmead v BROAD MEADOWS CITY, Northcote City v GREEN GULLY ALJAX.

WEST DIVISION: Sunday: Devon v Doncaster Rovers, Grandborough v NOTHAM UNITED.

NELSON DIVISION: Sunday: COBRAR, Tessa v SHEPPARTON SOUTH.

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Bye-bye Bilaver



ALTONA 1 (Innes pen)
CROATIA 1 (Brogan)

ALTONA: Masseni 6 - P. Wilson 7, K. Wilson 7, McKenna 6, Kijack 7 - Watters 9, Cooper 7, Innes 5 - Jones 6, Whyte 8, Mercer 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 8, Kokoska 5, P. Bannan 8, Bilaver 6 (sent off 55th), Andrews 7, Adams 6, Murphy 7 - Mitten 7, Brogan 9, Gider 7.

Ante Bilaver was sent off in the 55th minute after giving away a penalty which led to Altona's second draw in as many league games against Croatia.

Bilaver's exit was nothing new for the aggressive Croatia left back.

But Croatia lifted its game when reduced to 10 men.

Altona should have taken the lead in the second minute when Howard Mercer pounced on a through ball but rather than carry the ball closer to goal he elected to shoot from too far out and struck the ball wide.

Then Dave Brogan broke down the left, squared to Carl Gilder whose half hit shot deflected off Keith Wilson and went wide.

Just on half time Brogan headed over from point blank range.

Kevin Innes converted from the spot after Bilaver had brought Billy Whyte down in the second half.

Croatia slipped into top gear. Ken Murphy sent Keith Adams away down the left. Adams crossed to Dave Brogan at the near post and his well executed shot on the turn flashed into the bottom far corner in the 8th minute.

The significant feature was Altona's organisation at the back and fight. The relegation battle is far from over and it's too early to write off Altona.

There are poorer sides in the State League than the Kim Reserve locals — MICK O'BRIEN.

French two points clear

Ameco Travel's State League Player of the Year will win a return trip to Spain, tickets to World Cup games including the semi-finals and final, travel to and from the grounds and hotel accommodation including dinner and breakfast. The total value of the Ameco Travel award is in excess of \$3500.

This week's votes:

DOVETON v HAKOAH
3 - Dusen (H)
2 - McIvor (D)
1 - French (H)

SUNSHINE v JUVENTUS
3 - Morovic (S)
2 - Hawke (J)
1 - Laing (S)

NORTHCOTE v AJAX
3 - McLeod (GGA)
2 - Gardiner (GGA)
1 - Greechan (GGA)

ALTONA v CROATIA
3 - Watters (A)
2 - Brogan (C)
1 - Kokoska (C)

FRANKSTON v CROYDON
3 - Stewart (F)
2 - Wade (Croy)
1 - Tutill (F)

GEORGE CROSS v RINGWOOD
3 - Toal (CC)
2 - Sinclair (R)
1 - Luytan (R)

Progressive votes:
17 - French (H)
15 - P. Bannan (C)
14 - Cannell (GGA), G. Bannan (CC)

TEAM OF THE WEEK

DOSEN (Hakoah)	KOKOSKA (Croatia)	STEWART (F'ton)	MOROVIC (S' shine)
McIVOR (D'ton)	WATTERS (Altona)	LAING (S' shine)	
SINCLAIR (R' wood)	McLEOD (Ajax)	TOAL (G. Cross)	

HAWKE
(Juve)

Who needs Morrey, Bennett, Wallace and Cannell?

AJAX 5 (McLeod 3, Paul Lewis, Wall) NORTHCOTE 1 (Vasic)

AJAX: Derys 8 - Hogben 8, Gardiner 9, Peter Lewis 8, G. Bennett 8 - Moulas 5, Bonkiss 5, Rajovic 5, Greechan 8 - Wall 8, McLeod 9, Williams 8.

NORTHCOTE: Tachiris 7 - Petrakos 6, Nelson 5, Kleris 6, Petrov 8 - Moulas 5, Bonkiss 5, Rajovic 5, Tsetso 5 - Sahindis 6, Vasic 6.

Thank God Green Gully Ajax didn't have it's full side available for this outing.

Bill Morrey, Alan Bennett and Gordon Wallace were out injured. Stuart Cannell was serving a one week suspension after accumulating too many cautionary points.

The makeshift Ajax side seemed to cope rather well though with big Gus McLeod leading the onslaught.

13th minute: Paul Lewis (yet another newcomer) broke down the right and hammered the ball across. Alex Nelson deflected the ball into his own goal when trying to clear.

57th: A great solo run by John Gardiner looks to have ended as "Rocky" Tachiris forced him wide. In a flash Gardiner backheels the ball into Kevin Wall's path. He hammers home into the empty goal.

62nd: Kit Greechan set up McLeod who looks to have overrun the ball. Somehow the barging, bustling Ajax striker manages to backheel across the goal line.

68th: A really super moment. The ball is crossed. McLeod rises near the edge of the area. His jack-knifing head meets the ball at precisely the right moment. The ball

rockets goalward and goes in off the underside of the bar. Incredible!

78th: Greechan crosses. McLeod outjumps everyone, stretches over the top of Tachiris and heads home.

In between times McLeod twice had goals disallowed for offside and two headers hit the upright.

Oh the Northcote's goal. Gerry Bennett's mistake allows the ball to be cut back to Dragan Vasic who makes no mistake.

WATTERS WINS IT

Every week "Soccer Action" nominates a State League player of the Week who wins a dinner for two at Leo's Restaurant, 55 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda.

The winner can pick up his ticket from "Soccer Action", 603 Little Lonsdale Street.

This week's winner is Altona's diminutive dynamo George Watters.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	9	1	3	28	8	19
Croatia	6	6	1	21	11	18
Doveton	4	9	0	18	12	17
Croydon	5	5	3	22	18	15
G. Cross	6	2	5	21	15	14
Hakoah	4	6	3	17	21	14
Sunshine	5	3	5	21	17	13
Northcote	4	4	5	22	32	12
Frankston	4	2	7	17	20	10
Ringwood	3	3	7	19	26	9
Juventus	3	2	7	9	22	8
Altona	1	3	8	14	27	5

Sannipoli revels in mudbath

SUNSHINE 0 JU-
VENTUS 0

SUNSHINE: Contini 8 - Dixey 8, Ellis 8, Lowe 8, Morovic 9 - Nelson 8, Taylor 7, Bain 7, Laing 8 - Mudrinic 6 (McRobert Gider), Pato 8.

JUVENTUS: Hawke 8 - Curcio 7, Della Rocca 8, Donaldson 7, Tarquinio 7 (Gardiner H. 7), 8 - Smith 7, Sannipoli 8, Cunningham 8 - Ristovski 7, Incantalupo 8, Thachuk 8.

Six clear cut chances but nothing gained at the end of the day. That was Sunshine's fate against Juventus in Chaplin Reserve's mudbath on Sunday.

Rob Nelson hit the bar with a long free kick in the first half John Mudrinic ran onto a through ball and shot wide. Chris Taylor's diving header flashed past the post; Mudrinic sidefooted wide from two

metres out in the second half. Steve Ellis missed with a diving header from three metres and Roger Bain's shot grazed the bar.

The scoreline tells it all. Finally a word about Lou Sannipoli.

Sure spectators joke about his weight but on Sunday he was the only player in either side to consistently strike well weighted long passes to his team mates. He mightn't be too mobile but there's no better striker of the ball in the State League.

Egan and Sinclair vie for top spot



Victorian State League
with CRAIG MACKENZIE

While Frankston's Charlie Egan has had rave reviews another State League import, Ringwood's Brian Sinclair, slipped into the scene unheralded but within a few weeks has shown that he is a serious contender for Egan's mantle as the import of the year.

Comparisons of these two dynamos will be made easier when Frankston takes on Ringwood at Centenary Park on Saturday.

Both are small, sharp and effective. Both have a nose for goals and both will be prime targets for PSL scouts in 1982.

One of the features of Frankston's win against Croydon on Sunday was the controlled display of sweeper Robbie Stewart.

Stewart was brought here from Scotland earlier in the year by South Melbourne Hellas along with Jim Shirra. While Shirra made his mark Stewart found himself at a loose end until John Pryde was successful in signing the youngster.

A series of inconsistent performances followed. Stewart seemed unable to settle down. But the master stroke occurred a few weeks ago when he was moved back to sweeper. Since then his confidence has grown, his game has improved dramatically and he looks capable of making his mark in Victorian soccer. Remember Stewart is young and has a long way to go.

He faces probably the stiffest test to date in his new role when he has to provide the cover for Sinclair's marker on Saturday. How effectively Stewart covers will have a major bearing on the outcome of this clash.

If Frankston can curtail the elusive Sinclair it can win.

I'm not suggesting that Sinclair will be held for long periods but I'm tipping the Baysiders to just nip Ringwood on the post.

Doveton's unbeaten league run could come to an end at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Ajax could have whipped Northcote by 10 goals last weekend.

Ajax manager-coach Bobby McLachlan always asks for restraint from journalists weighing up this year's championship race. He always reminds me that there's a long way to go but when you look at Ajax's impressive goal difference and its one point lead at the top of the table it's hard to see it being knocked off top perch.

Doveton has lived up to the highest hopes of its committee and supporters in its first taste of the State League.

If Ajax topples the Doves on Sunday it will be the end of a magnificent, consistent team effort, a credit to Doveton's playing and coaching staff and the basis of a successful history of State League competition. And there's no pride lost to lose to Ajax in its home territory.

Sunshine's hopes of a top four berth have faded in recent weeks. These hopes could

vanish completely if Croatia beats the Shiners at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Croatia is smarting from its draw with Altona. Ante Bilaver will serve his automatic one week suspension after being sent-off at Kim Reserve.

Maybe Croatia should use 10 men against Sunshine.

It was reduced to 10 men against Frankston and Altona in recent weeks. Faced with an uphill battle the players stepped into top gear and took the fight to the opposition on both occasions.

There has been speculation about Croatia's coaching post for some time. As I understand it, Paddy Bannan should get committee support to take the job on a more permanent basis but Bannan is undecided. Fred Bance has been interviewed and could get the job if Bannan doesn't give a firm undertaking to look after the first team for the remaining 10 league games.

But Croatia should hit the winning trail again on Sunday.

Hakoah can beat George Cross at Middle Park on Sunday.

The heartless, hapless Hakoah side which was beaten by Cross earlier in the season is a far cry from the current outfit which is playing with a level of commitment rarely sighted in recent years.

The clash between Bobby Toal and George Hannah should be a match highlight.

Both are State League newcomers. While Toal has hit the goal trail Hannah has notched up an impressive list of stoppers who have fallen victim to his tight marking.

I don't know why I'm going for Croydon to beat Altona at Croydon Park on Sunday.

No Loughnanes no Croydon? That was the question bandied around the Frankston clubrooms after Croydon's inept display last weekend.

I think Juventus and Northcote will finish on even terms at Gillon Oval on Sunday.

There's not much between these sides.

Actually it's a reminder-the-good-old-days game with so many former Footscray J.U.S.T. players on display.

Mos of them have seen better times. Menda Ristovski, Jim Kriaris, Mirko Rujvic, Dragan Vasic and Chris Petrov aren't finding State League life a particularly rewarding experience.

FRANKSTON v Ringwood at Centenary Park, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

CROYDON v Altona at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROATIA v Sunshine at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, 3 pm.

Juventus v Northcote (draw) at Gillon Oval, Sunday, 3 pm.

HAKOAH v George Cross at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

AJAX v Doveton at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

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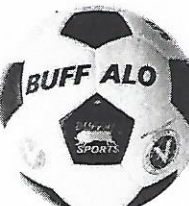
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Flabulous Ferenc!

IT's nearly thirty years since Ferenc Puskas shot to international football fame. Now he is twice the man he used to be.

The Hungarian hero's love of golf has helped to add unbecoming weight to his reputation in middle age.

Puskas, 54, displayed his latest form when he scored a hat-trick in a 20-minute curtain-raiser to England's World Cup victory over Hungary in Budapest at the weekend.



Brazilian fandango in full swing again

Playing its flamboyant football of old, Brazil can claim, 11 years after its last World Cup win, that it again is the best team in the world.

New national coach Tele Santana started to mould a Brazilian team with artistic flourish during the Mundialito won by Uruguay.

Then the Brazilians won all four of their World Cup qualifying matches to take part in the finals series of every World Cup.

It is perhaps characteristic of the brassiness his team shows on the field, that Santana decided to risk his reputation on a three match tour of Europe.

No need to have worried, though. The Brazilians beat England 1-0 with a goal by Zico, France 3-1 (Zico, Reinaldo, Socrates) and West Germany 2-1 (Toninho Cerezo, Junior).

Against Germany, the Brazilians were perhaps a bit lucky — Paul Breitner was twice taken penalty and German substitute goalkeeper Ekke Immel was badly at fault with Junior's late, dipping winner — but Germany's coach Udo Berti would not begrudge Brazil its victory.

"They are a very strong team, perhaps the best in the world," he said.

Santana, 50, clearly has succeeded in giving back to the Brazilian footballers the type of soccer to which they are best suited. Not for him the defensiveness of Mario Zagallo and Claudio Coutinho.

Talking of how it used to be under Coutinho, star forward Zico says: "We were in a tactical straight-jacket. That may be more necessary for a club team, when you have to mould players of different levels of ability and you need the discipline to play home-and-away, week in and week out.



Tele Santana

But at national level — and in Brazil in particular — the players have too much skill, confidence and technical ability to be stifled. Brazilian players must be given their head."

Santana has given them the sort of freedom of Pele, Tostao, Carrinha, Didi, Vava and Zagallo himself enjoyed during Brazil's golden years.

Santana's team played open football in Europe. They had confidence in their own ability, they never appeared concerned about their opponents, they ran the game their way.

Of course you need talent to play that way. Just as important though, you must be given your head.

THE BRAZILIAN NATIONALS SQUAD

BRAZIL'S TOUR SQUAD
VALDIR — Valdir Peres Arruda. Goalkeeper. Sao Paulo 30 years/8 caps. A member of the Brazil squad in the 1974 and 1978 World Cups, but did not play in either final tournament. Conceded only two goals in the four recent 1982 qualifiers. Saved Paul Breitner's twice-taken penalty to deny West Germany an equaliser in Stuttgart.

PAULO SERGIO — Paulo Sergio Oliveira. Goalkeeper. Botafogo 23/1. Taken on tour for the experience and made his debut against France.

EDEVALDO — Edevaldo Freitas. Right back. Fluminense. 24/15. Made his debut against Paraguay last year.

GETULIO — Getulio Costa Oliveira. Right back. Sao Paulo 25/5.

OSCAR — Jose Osvaldo Bernardino. Centre back. Sao Paulo 26/28. World Cup regular in 1978, then spent 16 months with New York Cosmos. Career began with Ponte Preta.

LUISINHO — Luis Carlos Ferreira. Centre back. Atletico Mineiro. 22/15. Learned football on the Rio beaches before his family moved to Belo Horizonte. One of Tele Santana's major discoveries.

EDINHO — Edino Nazareth Filho. Centre/left back. Fluminense. 25/36. Played three matches in the 1978 World Cup Finals. Was on the brink of a move to Marseille before the French club's recent financial collapse.

JUNIOR — Leovegildo Lins Gama Junior. Left back. Flamengo. 26/28. Converted from midfield by Claudio Coutinho. Free kick specialist.

TONINHO CEREZO — Antonio Carlos Cerezo. Midfielder. Atletico Mineiro. 26/47. Voted top player in the Mundialito. A repeated transfer target for River Plate of Argentina. Described by a typical French reporter as "long as a day with

in players like Zico, Socrates, Reinaldo, Oscar, Junior and Toninho Cerezo, coach Santana has men with incredible talent, but also men of responsibility, who will not neglect the fundamentals of defence, while dancing their football fandango.

And this is not yet at full strength! Santana still wants to recall Falcao who is in Italy where he helped transform Roma into a championship contender.

Santana also wants Batista, who broke a leg shortly before the European tour. Batista played in the 1978 World Cup.

Even without them though, Santana is none the less pleased.

"We've shown Europe," he said, "that Brazil remains very difficult to beat even a long way from home. Right now we could beat anyone, anywhere. It really is a pity that the World Cup finals aren't being played this summer!"

It's significant that Brazil remains the only nation to have won the World Cup on the "wrong continent", defeating Sweden in Sweden 5-2 in 1958. It won the Cup also in 1962 in Chile and 1970 in Mexico. Will the Brazilians take their fourth Cup in Spain next year?

If they do, they'll owe a lot to their football liberator, Tele Santana.

One of the original deep-lying wingers who converted 4-2-4 into 4-3-3, Santana played three times for Brazil and joined the youth coaching staff of his club, Fluminense, when he retired. He coached the Fluminense first team and then joined Atletico Mineiro which became Brazilian champion under him. He spent six months with Sao Paulo before returning to Atletico where he encouraged present-day stars Reinaldo, Toninho Cerezo, Paulo Isidoro and Jorginho before leaving again this time for Botafogo, then to Gremio and Palmeiras both of whom he turned into champions.

REINALDO — Jose Reinaldo de Lima, Centre forward. Atletico Mineiro. 24/26. Much admired by Pele. Known as the man with the bionic knees following two dozen operations after cartilage and ligament complications.

ZE SERGIO — Jose Sergio Presti. Outside left. Sao Paulo. 24/23. Brazil's Footballer of the Year. A member of the 1978 World Cup squad, but did not play.

EDER — Eder Aleixo Assis. Outside left. Atletico Mineiro. 23/15.

PAULO CESAR — Paulo Cesar Oliveira. Centre forward. Atletico Mineiro. 23/15.

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'Doc' wants Katholos, Stielike No.1, Dutch star to England

from Vancouver Whitecaps for \$500,000 to succeed Ray Clemence, played 24 matches for fourth division Crewe Alexandra while on loan from the Canadian NASL side. Grobbelaar was two years in the Rhodesian Army (now Zimbabwe) hunting guerrillas and was first spotted by the father of Manchester United's goalkeeper Gary Bailey. Roy Bailey a coach in South Africa was also a keeper with Ipswich Town. Grobbelaar stands 6'2" is also a first class baseball and basketball player as well as being a star swimmer.

Liverpool have had talks with Frank Stapleton the Arsenal and Republic of Ireland striker who is now free to negotiate his own future since his present club has run out with the Gunners. Liverpool want Stapleton, 24, to line up in a new look with Kenny Dalglish since it's on the cards that Terry McDermott and David Johnson, both English internationals, are likely to move before the new season starts.

Chile became the fourth certain World Cup Finalists with Spain, Argentina and Brazil — after their 2-0 home victory over Ecuador in South American Group Three. South American champions, Paraguay, had been favourites, but lost the decisive home match 1-0 to Chile — with the now meaningless return still to come.

Raimundo Ponte, Nottingham Forest's Swiss midfielder, has been sold to French Cup-winners Bastia, whose 2-1 victory over Saint-Etienne secured the English champions' dream of a league-and-cup double.

ROMA repeated their 1980 Italian Cup win by once again beating Torino on penalties after extra time. This time the teams drew 1-1 in both Rome and Turin before Roma won the sudden death contest.

Final table in Italy

Team	P	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	30	17	10	3	48	15
Torino	30	14	2	43	20	42
Napoli	30	14	3	31	21	38
Inter	30	14	8	41	24	36
Fiorantina	30	14	7	27	24	32
Atalanta	30	14	9	28	30	30
Bologna	30	11	7	32	37	29
Catanzaro	30	8	17	24	29	28
Torino	30	8	12	26	28	26
Averas	30	10	15	32	32	25
Como	30	8	13	25	32	25
Venezia	30	9	11	24	36	25
Ascoli	30	10	12	18	34	25
Brasile	30	4	17	19	25	25
Pesaro	30	5	12	18	31	18
Fiorentina	30	8	4	20	16	15

Season's top scorers — 18-Pruzzio (Roma), 13-Palanca (Catanzaro), 12-Altobelli (Inter), 11-Graziani (Torino) and Pellegrini (Napoli), 9-Poli (Torino), Antognoni (Fiorentina) and Chimenti (Pistoiese).

Birmingham have paid Willem 11 club £80,000 pounds for 25-year-old Dutch striker "Tony" van Mierlo — despite being nearly 1 million pounds in debt.

A unique Soccer touring team flew out to Trinidad to play three matches.

All 16 players are coloured stars from League clubs, including two members of Spurs' FA Cup-winning side — Garth Crooks and Chris Hughes.

The side is managed by Allan Harris, right-hand man to Terry Venables at QPR, who explained: "We are pointers for if the side is successful it could become an annual event."

Full party is: Richardson (Sheff Utd), C. Hughes (Spurs), H. Hughton (Orient), James (Plymouth), Benjamin (Notts Co), Hazell (QPR), Barry (Wolves), Hill, Stein (Luton), the manager, Cambridge, Palmer (Oldham), Gidlingham, Sealy (QPR), Crooks (Spurs), Connor (Leeds), Hilaire (C. Palace).

ULE STEIN is Spain's Footballer of the Year.

Queens Park Rangers new astro turf playing pitch has been given a seal of approval by a team of experts who visited Loftus for the along with Football League officials and players. PFA chairman Alan



WORLD CUP PROGRESS

GROUP 1

Finland-Bulgaria	0-2
Albania-Finland	2-0
Bulgaria-Albania	0-2
Austria-Albania	5-0
Bulgaria-Germany	1-3
Albania-Austria	0-1
Albania-Germany	0-2
Germany-Austria	2-0
Finland-Finland	0-4
Finland-Germany	0-4
Austria-Bulgaria	2-0
Austria-Finland	5-1
Finland-Albania	23.09
Germany-Finland	14.10
Austria-Germany	21.22.11
Finland-Bulgaria	18.11
Germany-Albania	21.22.11
Germany-Bulgaria	6.5.0.1 15.3.10
W. Germany	4.4.0.0 11.1.8
Bulgaria	5.2.0.2 9.6.6
Albania	5.1.0.4 3.10.2
Finland	6.0.0.6 1.19.0

GROUP 2

Cyprus-Eire	2-3
Eire-Netherlands	2-1
Cyprus-France	0-7
Eire-Belgium	1-1
France-Eire	2-0
Belgium-Netherlands	1-0
Eire-Cyprus	6-0
Cyprus-Belgium	0-2
Belgium-Cyprus	3-2
Netherlands-Cyprus	3-0
Netherlands-France	1-0
Belgium-Eire	1-0
France-Belgium	3-2
Cyprus-Netherlands	0-1
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Netherlands-Eire	09.09
Netherlands-France	14.10
Netherlands-Belgium	18.11
Eire-France	05.12
France-Netherlands	05.12
France-Cyprus	6.4.1.1 10.6.9
Belgium	6.3.1.2 12.7.3
Eire	4.3.0.1 12.3.8
Netherlands	5.3.0.2 8.3.6
Cyprus	7.0.0.7 4.25.0

GROUP 3

Iceland-Wales	0-4
Iceland-USSR	1-2
Turkey-Iceland	1-0
USSR-Iceland	5-0
Wales-Turkey	4-0
Wales-Czechoslovakia	1-0
Czechoslovakia-Turkey	2-0
Turkey-Wales	0-1
Turkey-Czechoslovakia	0-3
Czechoslovakia-Iceland	6-1
Wales-USSR	0-0
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Iceland	4.1.0.3 4.12.2
Turkey	5.0.0.5 1.13.0

GROUP 4

England-Norway	4-0
Norway-Romania	1-1
Romania-England	2-1
Switzerland-Norway	1-2
England-Switzerland	2-1
Switzerland-Romania	2-2
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Switzerland	5.1.2.2 7.8.4
Norway	6.1.2.3 5.10.4

GROUP 5

Luxembourg-Yugoslavia	0-5
Yugoslavia-Denmark	2-1
Luxembourg-Italy	0-2
Denmark-Greece	0-1
Italy-Denmark	2-0
Italy-Yugoslavia	2-1
Denmark-Luxembourg	4-0
Greece-Italy	0-2
Greece-Luxembourg	2-0
Luxembourg-Greece	2-0
Luxembourg-Denmark	1-2
Yugoslavia-Greece	5-1
Denmark-Italy	3-1
09.09.81	
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Greece-Denmark	17.10
Yugoslavia-Italy	14.11
Italy-Greece	21.11
Yugoslavia-Luxembourg	

The image displays 15 Australian Soccer Federation (ASF) club logos, arranged in a grid-like fashion. Each logo is a unique emblem representing a different soccer club. The logos include:

- Sydney Olympians:** A muscular man in a loincloth kicking a soccer ball.
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- Adelaide Giants:** A muscular man in a loincloth holding a soccer ball.
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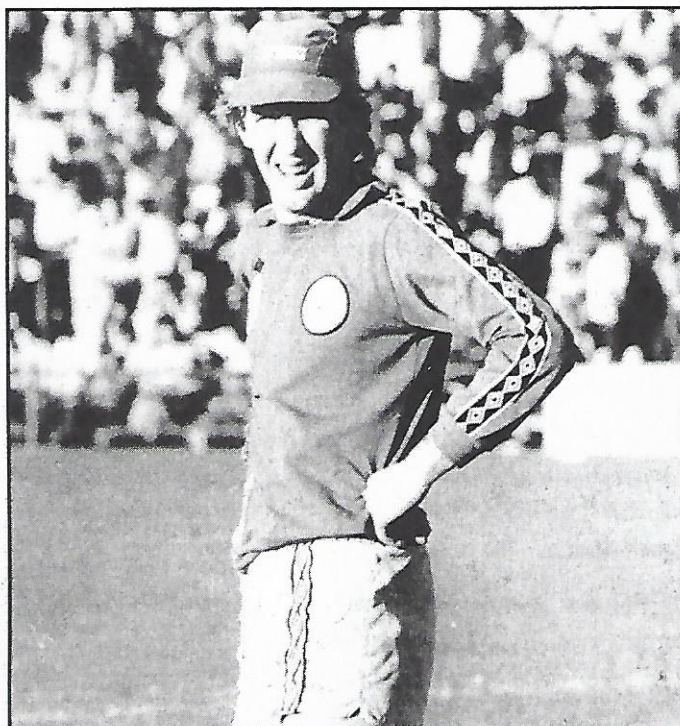
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